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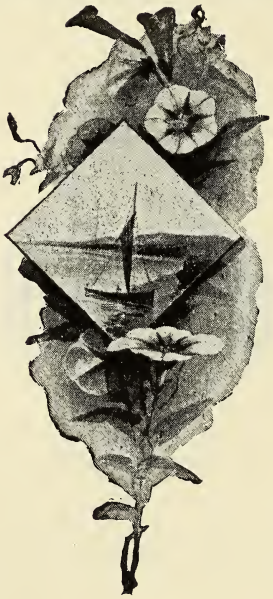

PREFACE.

This sketch of the churches of Seneca county, does not purport to give a detailed history of their organization, growth and present condition. Its modest dimensions and low price preclude anything but the merest outline. The compilers and publishers, however, have endeavored to make it what its title claims, an accurate "Manual" of the churches and pastors, as they exist at the opening of the year 1896. To the pastors themselves, or some member of the respective churches, we are indebted in some instances for the sketch, and in others for the material from which we have written. Some have given us greater detail than others, and in some cases, as will be seen, the roll of membership has not been furnished; but from the material at hand the compilers have endeavored impartially to give as full a synyposis of local history as was possible. The sketches, even when edited, are given as from the local writer's standpoint. The large membership of the Catholic churches compelled us to restrict the list to those renting pews.

In the arrangement, we have taken the towns geographically from south to north and the churches in the towns alphabetically by denominational name, except in two or three instances where delay in receiving the sketch or cut compelled a transfer to later space. To the church manual, proper, we have appended sketches of five clergymen of different denominations, whose ministerial work seemed to entitle them to a place in this volume.

The volume, a compilation rather than a written history, is submitted in the hope that it may not be unfavorably received as an effort to rescue from that oblivion whose dark mantle overshadows so much of the past, a few of the names and incidents in the pioneer life, and more of the present activities of the Churches of Seneca County.

INTRODUCTION.

Man has been termed a religious animal. Reverence for the unknown and fear or hope of the hereafter, characterize him, whether he be a savage or a sage. Wherever man exists, there is found religious worship. The Red men of the forest, who for centuries had inhabited this Lake region, had their religion, and after their own manner worshipped the Great Spirit. When the white settlers came, a century ago, they brought their religion with them. They were a Christian people, and when they built their homes in the wilderness, they endowed them with their Bibles and consecrated them with family altars. They were, at first, too far scattered for religious services, but as their numbers increased, ministers of the gospel, pioneers of the churches, found them out and gathered them together for religious instruction, in dwellings, barns, or the open forest.

In 1787, Job Smith erected his cabin in Seneca Falls, but he was not a settler, only a pioneer of the wilderness, and in five or six years went further west. It was in 1789, that the first real settlers came. They were eleven in all, scattered through different parts of the county: George Faussett, in southwestern and James Jackson in northwestern Lodi, near the lake; Andrew Dunlap, William Dunlap, Joseph Wilson, Peter Smith, and Henry Wharton, along the line of Sullivan's march in Western Ovid; David Wisner in Romulus; James Bennett in Fayette, near Cayuga lake; Lawrence Van Cleef in Seneca Falls; and John Greene in Waterloo. At the opening of 1790, these eleven scattered men, some without their families, were the entire population of Seneca county; for the Indians had all fled through terror of Sullivan's army, though some of them returned at a later date. But the tide of immigration set in rapidly. From New England and the east, along the present line of the Erie canal, and from Pennsylvania and the south, by the valley of the Chemung and Seneca lake, settlers came pouring into this fertile territory.

In 1794, the first formal religious services ever held in the county, were conducted at the house of Abraham Covert in the town of Ovid. In 1797, Methodist Episcopal itinerants held services in Seneca Falls. The first settled preacher in the county was Rev. John Lindsley, of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, who was called to Ovid in 1800. Baptist Churches were formed both in Covert and Tyre in 1805, Elder Thomas being pastor of the former and Elder Dan Ralph of the latter. The first regular minister in

Seneca Falls was a Presbyterian, Rev. Matthew Stewart, in 1804. A society of Friends was organized in the town of Junius and flourished for many years, but the Quaker Meeting House has been abandoned to other purposes, and such members of that society as remain, worship in other places. The further history of the churches and the time of their establishment will be found in their respective sketches.

Of general interest to all were the evangelistic labors of the eccentric Lorenzo Dow, who, in the early years of the century, often visited this county. His long hair, swarthy visage, and ill-fitting clothes, attracted attention, but his earnest zeal and religious enthusiasm brought conviction. He would preach, sometimes in barns or dwellings, but often from the stump of a tree, and at the close of the service would announce that at such a day and hour, months hence, perhaps, he would preach again at the same place. He was always punctual at his appointments, and always found an eager throng awaiting him, without further announcement. It may be permitted, too, to state as a part of the religious movements of the county, that here Mormonism took its rise. Though the plates containing the Mormon bible were claimed to have been found near Manchester in Wayne county, it was at the house of Peter Whitmer in Fayette, three miles south-west of Waterloo, that the pretended translation was made; the first convert was baptized in Thomas' Creek, just south of Waterloo, and the first Mormon Conference was held in the town of Fayette, in June, 1830. Brigham Young, whose father lived near the source of Glen Creek, in Schuyler county, used to come to Seneca to work in the harvest, and it was in Fayette that he first met Joseph Smith, whose follower he became in 1833. The moral atmosphere of Seneca county, however, did not agree with Mormonism, and Smith took his newly formed church to the West, so that it does not appear in these sketches, which are devoted to the living, working organizations, both Protestant and Catholic, which, in this year of our Lord, are striving "to do good to both the bodies and the souls of men."

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TOWN OF COVERT.

COVERT BAPTIST CHURCH.

VIRGINIA is the mother of Presidents, Covert the mother of Churches. Among those belonging to the Seneca association, she has at least six daughters and two grand-daughters. She was not boastful when she said to the churches at their annual assembly in 1859—"As a mother welcomes home her returning daughters, so would this mother-church welcome you."

"The Covert Baptist church was constituted February 16, 1803 ; being known at first, as the Baptist church of Ovid and Hector. It had twenty-eight constituent members, viz.: Minor Thomas, Nancy Thomas, Asaph King, Debora King, Joseph Thomas, Ann Thomas, Garrett Easling, Ann Jeffery, Margaret King, Elizabeth Cash, Mary A. Coddington, Hannah Freeland, Mary Woodworth, Silas Potter, Esther Potter, Sarai Walsworth, Nathaniel Osgood, Hannah Osgood, Phineas Clark, Ezra Keeler, Godfrey Clair, Mrs. Clair, Jas. Drake, Martin Peck, Charlotte Clark, Lucy Peck, Hannah Keeler and Peggy Gray." In June, 1803, the church was represented at the session of the Cayuga association held in Baileytown.

Minor Thomas, its first pastor, was chosen April 21, 1804 ; for compensation he was to depend on the liberality of the church and congregation. He was the Pauline apostle of the Seneca association. During his pastorate the old church at Covert was often filled in summer, while a congregation of several hundred gathered around the church. The doors and windows being open and Elder Thomas speaking in loud tones, all were edified.

Thomas Campbell was appointed the first clerk of the church and Asaph King and Joseph Thomas were elected deacons. March 9, 1805, the name of the church was changed to the Second Baptist church of Ovid. In 1809 meet

ings were held one-half of the time at the home church in Thomas' settlement; one-fourth of the time at Samuel Hanley's in Hector; one-fourth of the time at Peach Orchard, or other stations. This year the first colony was dismissed, calling itself the First Church in Hector, now, Bennettsburg.

In 1815, according to the historical sketch of Elder Marshall, fifty-one united with the church by baptism on New Year's day; and they were but the first fruits of the harvest; for, during the year, the church received two hundred and twenty-two members by baptism. That year the church reported to the Cayuga association, four hundred and eighty members, the largest number which had ever been reported to that body by any one church. The revival spread in every direction where the Covert pastor had preached, and the seed then sown soon sprang up to bear fruit in numerous new churches. Elder Thomas' field of labor was so broad that it seems to have included the territory in which (1879) there were at least nine Baptist churches. He resigned his pastorate here in 1818 and removed, with a number of the members of this church, to Fayette county, Indiana, where he entered again upon his labors as a gospel pioneer.

COVERT BAPTIST CHURCH.

Elder James Derthick, who succeeded Elder Thomas, Aug. 8, 1818, shared the fate of many who are unfortunate enough to take the place of an unusually successful pastor or teacher. He seems to have been an excellent man and a good pastor, but the church thought that no one could fill the place of Elder Thomas; besides they were dispirited by the loss of the large numbers who also went West with him; so at the end of one year the relation between pastor and people was dissolved.

In 1816 a number of members in the town of Ulysses were dismissed, to form another church. In 1817 the Second Hector Church (now Mecklenburg) was organized by members dismissed from Covert for that purpose. The Church of Enfield was another colony sent out the same year. In 1818 other brethren were given letters that they might establish the Third Church in Hector, which was afterward dismissed, to join the Chemung River association. The churches in Trumansburg and Farmerville were constituted in 1819. The Fourth

Church in Hector, afterward known as the Peach Orchard Church, was constituted in 1820. The same year another request was granted to brethren in Ulysses that they might form a new church. A colony of the Covert Church also went to Rushford, Allegany County, and were constituted as a branch of the old church. That branch has since become a strong and vigorous tree. Thus within two years the old hive sent out six strong swarms. In 1821 a number of the members living in the town of Lodi were dismissed, to aid in forming another new church, making twelve churches in all; most of them still in existence, which were constituted wholly or chiefly of members taken from this church in Covert. Judge James McCall, one of the founders of the Rushford Church, was an early settler in the town of Covert, Seneca county, residing near Farmer Village, which was once known as "McCall's." He was converted at thirty-eight, uniting with the Covert Church. He represented Seneca county in the Assembly in 1809 and 1813, succeeding O. C. Comstock. Removing to Rushford he was elected to the bench, the Assembly and the Senate of this State, but his first thought seemed to be ever for the Church of Christ. He was an early life-member of the Baptist State convention and one of its officers. He died in 1856, aged eighty-two years.

On Sunday, Sept. 2, 1821, this church of Covert appointed J. P. Woodworth, Nathan Cole, Daniel Cole, William Stillwell and Lewis Porter, to represent the church at the Seneca association, with authority to unite with that body, and on Wednesday, Sept. 5, the union was effected. In 1822, Elder Obed Warren was engaged as pastor, his salary to be two hundred dollars and "fire-wood fit for the fire." On Sept. 22, he broke bread to the church, "and the season was solemn and comfortable." In Aug. 1823, he fell asleep after a short illness. Elder Aaron Abbott was next engaged as pastor, at a salary of two hundred dollars and twenty-five cords of wood. At this time, part of the covenant meetings were held at the schoolhouse at Hall's Corners. About 1826, the church passed resolutions in opposition to Free Masonry; and this action appears to have led to Elder Abbott's resignation, he claiming the right to commune with members of that order. Elder Richard Woolsey was called, but was obliged to decline. Elder P. P. Roots served for a time as a supply, then Elder J. C. Holt was called to the pastorate. In 1830, Elder Woolsey again received a call to the pastorate and decided to accept it. In Dec. 1832, about one hundred and thirty members were present at a covenant meeting. The first six days of 1833 were set apart by the church for a protracted meeting, in which a number of visiting elders and brethren participated. There were a number of baptisms. Elder Woolsey was succeeded by Elder Clay in 1837. Elder John Sears was invited to become pastor, the church deciding to raise four hundred dollars for his support one year. The invitation was not accepted; and in Aug. 1838, Elder Alonzo Wadham became pastor, at a salary of two hundred and fifty dollars. He was ordained by a council, Nov. 21.

May 8th, 1841 it was voted that elder Calvin Bateman be received as a member and pastor of the church. The church and society by a vote on the Lord's day previous having agreed to give him a comfortable living, three hundred dollars a year was named; but some thought that amount would be insufficient. In the minutes for December we find the first record of a donation visit to the pastor. Elder Litchfield became pastor in 1843. The minutes soon record a precious revival.

We find the first mention of a Sunday school May 10th, 1844; the pastor being appointed superintendent, with H. H. Dennison and Milo V. Cole assistants. Rev. Chauncey Wardner became pastor in 1844. On January 9, 1853, the church voted to celebrate its fiftieth anniversary with appropriate services, and Rev. E. Marshall, N. Cole, Amzi Durand and R. D. Hubbard were appointed a committee of arrangements. The celebration occurred February 15th and 16th, and these were memorable days in the history of the church. Rev. C. Wardner resigned Oct. 1st, 1853 and was succeeded by Rev. Enos Marshall. In 1861 Rev. B. F. Balcom assisted the pastor in a protracted meeting and the church received many additions. Elder Marshall preached his farewell sermon, April 5th, 1863. He was followed by Rev. S. V. Marsh. During his pastorate the church reported thirteen additions by baptism. Rev. William Rees was pastor from 1867 to 1871, and during that time the house of worship was repaired and in part re-furnished. In July, 1872, Rev. George Hopkins was chosen pastor and ordained Sept. 18th. He continued as pastor for three years, enjoying the esteem of all, and was blessed in his labors, in 1874 the church reporting fifteen baptisms. He resigned April 1st, 1875. Rev. A. C. Mallory began his work as pastor April 1st, 1876, winning at once the esteem of his people and the community. July 4th, 1876, was a notable day in the history of the Covert Church. Nearly one thousand people assembled to hear the notes of the centennial bell, rung for the first time upon that national holiday.

After nearly nine years pastorate, elder Mallory closed his labors here March 29th, 1885, twenty-seven having united with the church during that time. He was followed by Rev. P. D. Jacobus from February 13th, 1886, to January 8th, 1887. Rev. N. W. Wolcott began his labors as pastor April 9th, 1887 and continued till May 12th, 1889, resulting in eleven additions to the church, and was succeeded by Rev. S. S. Powell, August 10th, 1889, whose pastorate closed October 22nd, 1893, thirty-one having been added to the membership of the church. After a brief supply of the church and by virtue of an urgent, unanimous call of church and society, the present pastorate began February 1st, 1894.

CHURCH BUILDINGS.

It is probable that the first building in the county erected for public worship, was a log house which stood near the grist mill (Judge Silas Halsey's), about one mile southwest of the present village of Lodi. It seems to have

been open to all denominations. Among the preachers here were Elder Jehiel Wisner, Baptist; and Rev. Mr. Clark, Presbyterian. This house was taken down early in the 19th century. In 1807 or 1808 the Baptists put up a small frame house about a mile and a quarter west of Lodi. This was enclosed but never finished. The first Baptist Church in the county was built by the Covert Church, (then Ovid), at Thomas' settlement, three miles north of Trumansburg. Elder Sheardown thus speaks of this church in his autobiography: "It was a rare model of architecture for this time. The people went into the gallery from out of doors, going in at the gable end of the building. The first time I saw it, I could not but admire the patch-work. It was not, I believe, plastered all over; only here and there a patch put on; and eyerything else about it appeared to be in keeping with what is already named." The meeting house seems to have been re-built in 1823. In 1850, during the pastorate of Elder Wardner, the present church edifice was erected, dedicated and consecrated by the conversion of souls. Subsequently, however, during the pastorate of Dr. Rees, between 1867 and 1871, it was repaired and in part re-furnished.

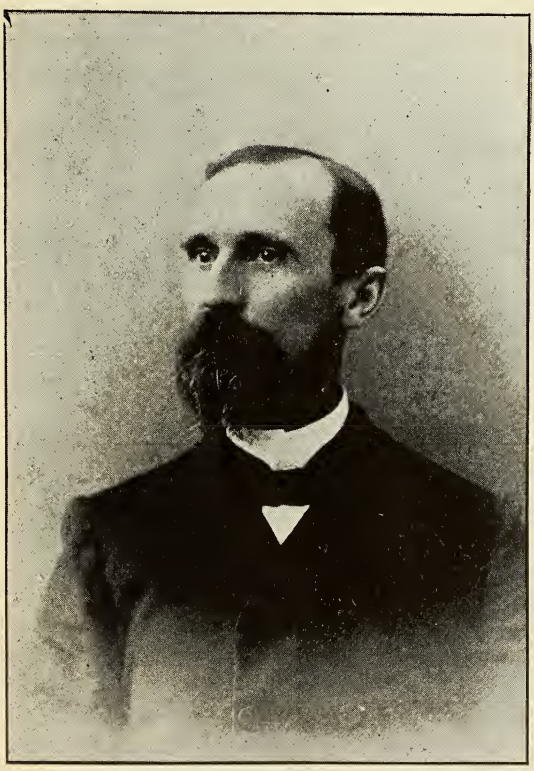
LIST OF MEMBERS.

Hervey F. King
George B. Dennison
Mrs. George B. Dennison
Milo V. Cole
Mrs. A. B. De Groot
John Dickerson
Mrs. James De Long
Mrs. Mary Sherwood
Stephen Craig
Mrs. Nicholas Johnson
James Wixom
Mrs. Travis Hopkins
Mrs. George Watherston
Mrs. Henry Pell
Miss Adelia Hopkins
Mrs. Alfred D. Hopkins
Deacon T. H. King
Miss Hattie Carle
Arvah H. Cole
George D. Mason
Mrs. Burrett Stevens
Miss Mary King
Miss E. Louise Cole
Caroline Welton
Mrs. T. H. King
Mrs. John Porter
Miss A. T. Wixom
Sylvester B. Dennison
Charles Mount
William Sherwood
Henry Pell
Jesse Dimick
Romain Cole
Henry Williamson
Mrs. John Dickerson
Deacon Jared Carle
Mrs. Herman Emmons
Miss Monroe De Long
Miss Eliza Andrews
Mrs. Henry Hill
Mrs. William Watherston
Mrs. Jesse Dimick
Mrs. John Murphy
Miss Hattie Bishop
Mrs. Arvah H. Cole
Mrs. William Hand
James De Long
Joseph Taylor
Mrs. Oliver Brinkerhoff
Oliver Brinkerhoff
Miss Mary Watherston
Orsemus De Long
Mrs. Orsemus De Long
Mrs. John Manning
Miss Alice King
Richmond De Long
Mrs. Robert Dawson
John T. Frost
Mrs. John Dawson
Byron Hill
Mrs. Byron Hill
A. Carlton King
George Manning
Miss Clara Frost
Andrew Sawyer
Mrs. Leroy Easling
Miss Carrie Sherwood
Mrs. Maurice King
Mrs. Clifton J. De Long
Miss Cora Watherston
Miss Vinnie Slaght
Miss Elizabeth King
Clifton J. De Long
Mrs. Edward Crawford
Miss Laura De Long
Herbert King
Miss Florence King
Miss Sarah Vining
Miss Agnes Cole
Miss Lillie Billings
Mrs. Lewie Stevens
Mrs. William H. Campbell
Mrs. Fay Strong
John Dawson, Jr
Mrs. Heber Emmons
Mrs. Philip Vining
Deacon Philip Vining

Mrs. Sylvester B. Dennison
Mrs. William H. Ogden
Miss Lucy Dawson
Mrs. Hattie Dennison
Mrs. Adelia Hall
Henry Mason
Mrs. Nelson Wixom
Milo Wixom
William H. Campbell
Coburn Cole
Mrs. Merritt Genung
Miss Estella Dimick
Miss Ellen Dimick
Miss Edla Dimick
Mrs. Stephen Craig
Robert Dawson
Mrs. Myron Sherwood
Mrs. Boyd Howard
Deacon Alfred D. Hopkins
Mrs. Hoyt Sherwood
Miss Carrie Cole
Miss Jennie Cole
Rev. J. A. Rich
Mrs. J. A. Rich

REV. J. A. RICH.

Rev. J. A. Rich, the present pastor of the Covert Baptist Church, was born in Gloucester, Mass., situated on the rugged shores of the rock-ribbed coast of Old Cape Ann. His father's vessel was wrecked during a homeward voyage, when almost within sight of home, and all on board were lost; thereby leaving the mother widowed, and his four children fatherless, the oldest being between ten and eleven years of age and the youngest, (the present pastor), but two weeks old. What would have been left for the family's support was soon afterward lost by a rogue's appropriating and decamping with the same. The divine promise, however, of being the widow's judge and father of the fatherless was duly and fully verified in this case. With the assistance of the eldest son, and the help of friends divinely raised up in time of need, that widowed mother courageously kept her family together and brought them up to maturity in the admonition and fear of her Lord. The youngest then felt it his duty and blessed privilege to devote himself to her support and smooth her pathway to the grave—deeming it his life mission and God-serving until her release should come.



REV. J. A. RICH.

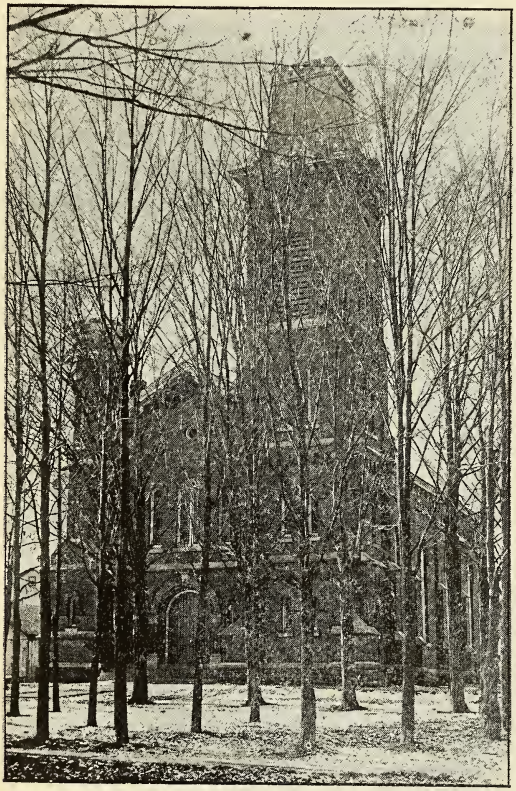
Not long after her departure, this youngest son received a unanimous call to the pastorate of the Baptist church in Hinsdale, N. H., with whom he

labored between one and two years: when, receiving unsolicited, a unanimous and urgent call from the Baptist church of Pondville, now New Fane, Vt., he finally accepted and, after two week's rest, entered on his labors there, with the growing conviction of his need of a more thorough preparation for this work of the ministry. As a result, he resigned during his second year, and against the repeated remonstrances and solicitations of that people to still remain with them, he left for Madison, (now Colgate), University, graduating in the year 1875. Three calls awaited his graduation, East Pembroke, Georgetown and Unadilla Forks, N. Y., and finally he accepted the weakest of the three, viz.: Unadilla Forks, N. Y. At the close of three years, however, the other two were again respectfully tendered him, but not feeling divinely called, each, in turn, was again declined. Since that time until the present, his pastorates have been, respectively, Maine, N. Y., Truxton, Mahopac Falls, Wyoming, Preston Hollow, Mt. Vision and Covert—all in this State, and all of which, according to the testimonies of the churches themselves, he has served very acceptably, they having been built up, edified and strengthened through his labors and life.

June 14, 1877, he was married to Miss Charlotte E., daughter of S. W. Root, Esq., of New Hartford, N. Y., three children blessing the union, one son and two daughters; one of whom only, the youngest daughter, still survives.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FARMER.

IN THE year 1819, a colony from Covert Baptist church—mother of churches, was set aside to organize a Baptist church at Farmerville, (now, Farmer, N. Y). The first pastor of the infant church was John Lewis, whose pastorate began in 1820 and continued to 1824. Eighteen devoted pastors, including the present incumbent, have given their services to this church. Most of these now "rest from their labors and their works do follow them." Notable pastorates in the church have been the following: That of Rev. Wm. McCarthy, 1846–1851, who conducted several "protracted meetings" as they were then called, which added greatly to the numerical and spiritual strength of the church. Under the pastoral care of the Rev. J. Byington Smith, D. D., 1860–1866, now of Saratoga Springs, N. Y.,—one of the few remaining ex-pastors, the present beautiful and commodious house of worship was built. He was a man of broad, sound scholarship, of genial, kindly spirit and evangelical type of earnest piety. His pastorate was blessed richly of God and he is still held in affectionate remembrance by the people. Last in the list of ex-pastors and of notable pastorates, stands that of the Rev. Lewis Halsey, D. D., now of Oswego, N. Y., who for 18 years had the honor of "dividing the word of truth" to this people. At several different periods, during Dr. Halsey's pastorate, the church was prepared by his faithful labors for, and enjoyed seasons of precious revivals under the lead of such evangelists as the Rev. E. G. De Witt, D. D., and Rev. S. Hartwell Pratt, D. D. During and after such meetings, many united with the church. The pastorate of Rev. M. H. Coleman, who followed Rev. Dr. Halsey, has lasted four years and still continues. This church has always been richly blest in the unusual number of men who have been interested in its devotional meetings, which are of deep spirituality.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, FARMER.

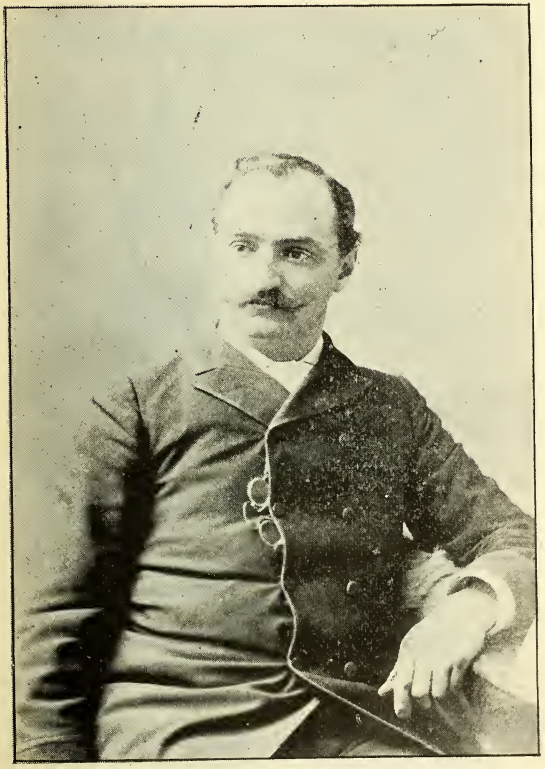
LIST OF MEMBERS.

Abbott, Christiana Mrs.
Austin, Jehiel
Austin, Ann Mrs.
Austin, Hannah Miss
Austin, Ansel P.
Auten, Arthur D.
Auten, Nellie B.
Ayers, Sarah Mrs.
Bassett, Matilda Mrs.
Bassett, Wheeler A.
Bassett, Agnes Mrs.
Bassett, Mary W. Mrs.
Bassett. Clinton D.
Bassett, Samuel
Bassette, Frances Mrs.
Bassette, Anna Miss
Bassette, Mary Miss
Bennett, Lucinda Mrs.
Bennett, Julia A.
Bennett, Monroe C.
Bennett, Anna Mrs.
Bergen, Mary M. Mrs.
Bergen Flora A. Mrs.
Bills John C.
Bills, Julia Mrs.
Bills Irma H.
Bills, Wm. E.
Bills, Sarah A.
Blauvelt, Francis
Blauvelt, Francis Mrs.
Blauvelt, Willis
Blauvelt, Lucinda Mrs.
Bloomer, John S.
Bloomer, Carrie C. Mrs.
Bloomer, Hiram
Bloomer, Hiram Jr.
Bloomer, Fanny F. Mrs.
Bogart, George Y.
Bogart, Geo. Mrs.
Bogart, Louise C.
Bogart, Mill C. Mrs.
Bogart, Elizabeth Mrs.
Boorom, W. W.
Boorom, Sarah J.
Boorom, Stella
Boorom, Curtis W.
Boorom, Jacob
Boorom, Nancy S. Mrs.
Burch, Henry
Burch, Ida Mrs.
Burdick, Arminda Mrs.
Burdick, Louise
Bush, Maryetta
Baldridge, Gertrude C.
Baldridge, Lillian C.
Boorom, Nellie Mrs.
Bell, Ellen W. Mrs.
Blauvelt, Lucinda Mrs.
Bell, Joseph
Brokaw, Gennie
Bunn, Alice
Boorom, Homer
Boorom, Addison
Boorom, Mae S. Mrs.
Boorom, Alton J.
Boorom, Arthur
Boorom, Matthew H. Mrs.
Boorom, Nellie Mrs.
Boorom, Anna
Bradley, Burr
Bradley, Samantha Mrs.
Bradley, Wm. R.
Bradley, LeRoy C.
Bradley, John F.
Bradley, Estella Mrs.
Brokaw, Elizabeth C. Mrs.
Brokaw, Minor C.
Brokaw, Abram C.
Brokaw, Jennie
Brooks, Matilda Mrs.
Brooks. Arthur H.
Brown, Helen Mrs.
Bunn, Stella
Case, Dewitt
Case, Dewitt Mrs.
Case, Phoebe Mrs.
Case, Homer C.
Case Hattie Mrs.
Chadwick, John M.
Chadwick, Jennie R. Mrs.
Chadwick, George M.
Chadwick, Emma L.
Clarkson, Wm. W.
Clarkson, Ida R. Mrs.
Cole, Lulu
Cole, Jennie E.
Cole, Mary Mrs.
Compton, Ann T. Mrs.
Covert, Rynear
Covert, Elizabeth
Covert, Hiram R.
Covert, Jennette Mrs.
Covert, Carrie E.
Covert, Lela M.
Covert, Mary S. Mrs.
Covert, Nettie A. Mrs.
Covert, Jennie A.
Crise, Jennie
Crise, Chas. D.
Corey, Seneca M.
Covert, Grace
Covert, Helen
Covert, Alice
Coleman, Rev. M. H.
Coleman, Lulu Mrs.
Davenport, Orin L.
Davenport. Theana
Dickerson, Mary Mrs.
Dickerson, G. Arthur
Dildine, Addie Mrs.
Diver, Julia B. Mrs.
Doolittle, Jay
Doolittle, Cora B. Mrs.
Drake, S. A.
Drake, S. A. Mrs.
Dickerson, Charles
Demund, William
Demund, Emma Mrs.
Ellison, Mary
Ellison, Isabella
Flagg, Charles A.
Flagg. John H.
Flagg, Claud C.
Freestone, Mary E. Mrs.
Fulkerson, Margaret Mrs.
Fulkerson, Chauncey
Flagg, Emma Mrs.
Folwell, Lucy Mrs.
Flagg, George
Folwell, Harry
Gardner, Cora A. Mrs.
Godley, Bert J.
Grove, DeWitt S.
Grove, Frances Mrs.
Grove, Georgianna
Hadley, Alice
Hall, Charles N.

Hall, Carrie F.
Hall, Alice L.
Hall, J. Wilber
Hardey, Boston
Holton, Eugene K.
Holton, Ella A. Mrs.
Holton, Henry T.
Holton, Carrie F.
Holton, Firman
Holton, Eliza
House, Jared
House, Eliza Mrs.
Hunt, John F.
Hunt, Minnie Mrs.
Hall, Musetta
Hanlin, Maude Mrs.
Huddle, Burt
Huddle, Bertha Mrs.
Howell, Edson V.
Ike, John
Kelly, Nettie Mrs.
Kennedy, Frank W.
Kennedy, Mary E.
Kishpaugh, Aaron
Kishpaugh, Sarah Mrs.
Kishpaugh, Willis G.
Kerns, Anna
Lefler, Mary J. Mrs.
Longstreet, Alice B.
Manning, Mary Mrs.
Mason, Mary Mrs.
Mundy, Marietta Mrs.
Mundy, Helen
McKeel, Clinton D.
McKeel, Flora Mrs.
Miller, Andrew
Miller, Mary E. Mrs.
Miller, Warren L.
Miller, Joanna Mrs.
Miller, Augustus C.
Miller, Charles M.
Morehouse, Eli
Morehouse, Sarah Mrs.
Murphy, George W.
Murphy, Minnie Mrs.
Mills, Anna M. Mrs.
Miller, Edward B.
Miller, Franc C. Mrs.
Miller, Sarah
O'Lara Mary
McDuffie, Lizzie Mrs.
Pearson, Elma Mrs.
Peterson, Fred Mrs.
Porter, William
Proper, David Mrs.
Quick, Henry
Quick, Mary Mrs.
Rappleye, Judson A.
Raypleye, Luzetta Mrs.
Rappleye, Thaddeus W.
Rappleye, Eliza J. Mrs.
Rappleye, Fred L.
Rappleye, Mary Mrs
Rappleye, Lewis M.
Rappleye, Lucretia
Rappleye, Hudson
Rappleye, Samantha Mrs.
Rappleye, Scott D.
Rappleye, Anna Mrs.
Rappleye, Frances M.
Rappleye, Frank A.
Rappleye, Ella Mrs.
Rappleye, Belle Mrs.
Rumsey, Minnie Mrs.
Rice, George R
Rice, Carrie C. Mrs.
Rice, Lewis C.
Rockwell, Mary Mrs.
Rollins, Charles W.
Rosengrant, Mary E.
Ryno, John L.
Ryno, Ann Eliza
Ryno, Maggie L.
Rappleye, Arthur Mrs.
Shank, A. E.
Shank, Cora Mrs.
Slaght, Morg E.
Slaght, Cora L. Mrs.
Slaght, Clarence H.
Smith, Covert A.
Smith, Alice Mrs.
Sniffen, Emma Mrs.
Sniffen, John B.
Sniffen, Mary E. Mrs.
Sniffen, Marion
Sniffen, Jennie Mrs.
Sniffen, Helen E.
Sniffen, Charles S.
Sniffen, Sarah C. Mrs.
Sniffen, Sarah Mrs.
Stettenroth, William C.
Stevens, Della Mrs.
Stout, Burdye
Stout, Frank
Stout, Estella
Stout, Ida
Swick, Jehiel H.
Swick, Libbie
Swick, Rachel
Swick, Mary
Swick, Nancy Mrs.
Swick, Ella
Swick, Frank M.
Switzer, Sarah Mrs.
Switzer, Nellie A. Mrs.
Swick, Effie
Swick, Laura Mrs.
Slocum, Mary B. Mrs.
Swarthout, Libbie
Swick, Bertha
Tailby, Georgianna
Updike, Florence B.
VanCourt, Jason
VanCourt, Minnie Mrs.
VanNostrand, William
VanNostrand, Mary Mrs.
Vining, Isaac
Vining, Eliza Mrs.
VanVleet, Lizzie
Wightman, R. C.
Wightman, Jessie Mrs.
Wightman, Edith
Wilson, Wilmer S.
Woodard, Phaethusa
Wyckoff, Ella K.
Wiggins, Maggie Mrs.
Wixom, May Mrs.
Wilson, Ulysses
Wyckoff, Edson
Waugh, Mary Etta

Rev. Merritt Howell Coleman.

The Rev. Merritt Howell Coleman, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Farmer, N. Y., was born near Athens, Pa.. July 4, 1859. His parents moved to Waverly, N. Y., when he was about two years of age, in the excellent public schools of which place the foundation of his education was laid. His father, having learned a trade himself, insisted that his children should do the same. Accordingly, his son was apprenticed to learn printing—"The art preservative of arts." It was in the closing weeks of his apprenticeship that Mr. Coleman was called into the gospel ministry. With several very promising business openings before him, it was only after a protracted struggle that at last he devoted himself to the "work of the ministry," licensed to preach by the Waverly Baptist church. As soon as sufficient preparation could be gained, he entered Madison University, (now Colgate,) from whose theological department he was graduated in 1882. Obliged early in his course to be self-supporting, in company with Mr. (now Rev.) Leland J. Silcox, the "University Press" was established and made a source of good income to both young men by printing the volumes of lectures for class-room work by the professors in the different departments of the university. Since leaving school, Mr. Coleman has held successful pastorates in Salisbury, Half-Moon and Broadalbin, N. Y. Called to the Farmer Baptist church in February, 1892, by the unanimous vote of the church, without a single dissenting voice, Mr. Coleman immediately entered upon his work as pastor. Pursuing quiet, steady, personal methods of work, over thirty have been received into the church by baptism since the beginning of his pastorate without any evangelistic help from outside the church. Aside from his regular work as pastor and preacher, Mr. Coleman has pursued special studies in church history, philology, sociology, and English and American literature. Keeping in mind his early education in newspaper work, he has also been a frequent contributor of prose and poetry to the daily and weekly press.



REV. MERRITT HOWELL COLEMAN.

ST. FRANCIS SOLANUS CATHOLIC CHURCH, FARMER.

FROM the year 1838 to 1850 the following Catholic people arrived from the dear land of their birth, Ireland, and took up their residence in this vicinity: John Durnin, Patrick Deary, Thomas Mc Carthy, Thomas King, John King, Sr., Bart Ward, Patrick Woods, Wm. Carroll, Patrick Mathews, Barney Hugo, John Ward, Bart Dowdle, Patrick Mc Donald, James Quinn, Michael Herron, James Mc Graw, Matthew Donley, Michael Ward, James Mc Carthy, Peter Behan, Peter Manning, James Mc Ardle. Some of the above were married and had families when they came to this country. Others were married after they arrived. At that time those who got married were obliged to go to Canandaigua, as there was no Catholic church or priest any nearer. Those few people in 1849 went to Ovid, as mass was celebrated in that village in the house of Mrs. Murphy, and later in the house of John Anderson. The first mass celebrated in Farmer or vicinity was by Rev. Father Gilbride, in 1849, at the house of Thomas King, opposite Lake View cemetery.

ST. FRANCIS SOLANUS CHURCH.

At or about this time the building of Holy Cross church was started at Ovid, and the good people of this village were a part of that congregation and would walk to Ovid to be present at the Holy Sacrifice of the mass, a distance of eight miles. In the year 1854, Rev. Wm. Gleason was assigned the pastorate of Ovid, Trumansburg and Waterloo, living at the last place. He celebrated mass in the home of Bart Dowdle, near this village, and held the pastorate till 1859, when he was assigned a higher position, and made vicar general of the diocese of Buffalo, being placed in charge of St. Bridget's church, and created Rt. Rev. Monsignor. For the last five years he was assisted by the Rev. Richard C. O'Connell, the son of Richard O'Connell, of Trumansburg, N. Y., one of his old parishioners. Rt. Rev. Monsignor Gleason died at Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 1, 1895. Rev. R. C. O'Connell, the senior assistant, was appointed by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Ryan to the pastorate of St. Bridget's church, pro tem.

In June 1863, Rev. Father Kinan, then pastor of Ovid, residing at Waterloo, N. Y., celebrated mass at the house of John King, near this village. In January, 1870, Rev. James T. O'Connor, pastor at Ovid, organized the congregation here, and services were held in the Universalist church and continued until January, 1871, at which time regular services were discontinued. Rev. Gilbert Nuano took the pastoral charge in 1872, and held services in the Town Hall for about two months. The Universalist church was again used. Farmer being then cut off from Ovid and annexed to Trumansburg, Rev. Father Gilbert started a subscription in March, 1873, for the erection of a new church, and through the united efforts of the pastor and congregation, then about thirty families, enough money was received to warrant the erection of the church. The corner stone was laid on the 4th day of June, 1874, by the Rt. Rev. B. J. Mc Quaid of Rochester, N. Y., assisted by Rev. H. Derigge, chancellor of the diocese, Rev. James T. O'Connor, Rev. Eugene Pagani and the pastor, Father Gilbert. After the bishop completed the services of laying the corner stone, he preached a most eloquent and patriotic sermon, which was listened to by a large concourse of people. The new church was dedicated by Rt. Rev. B. J. Mc Quaid, on the 17th day of January, 1875, and assumed for its patron, Saint Francis Solanus. Rev. Father Gilbert held the pastoral charge until Nov. 22, 1877; was succeeded by Rev. Angelo Lugiro, who was succeeded by Rev. M. T. Madden in July 1881, the present pastor, who paid the entire debt of the church and made marked improvements, interior and exterior. Rev. M. T. Madden is held in high esteem by the congregations both in Farmer and in Trumansburg where he resides. He was appointed to a far better place by Rt. Rev. B. J. Mc Quaid, to be succeeded by Rev. Father Angelo Lugiro. The two congregations were so attached to their pastor, that, when he made known to them of his departure, they at once sought the Rt. Rev. Bishop with a petition signed by every man, woman and child in both congregations, praying that their honored and beloved pastor, who was so near and dear to them, might be left with them. Gladness came to every heart when the news reached the congregation that their pastor would remain, and such rejoicing was never manifested before. At Christmas time this congregation showed the esteem in which they held their Rev. pastor, by making him the largest collection ever received in this church.

Mrs. Mary J. King was the first organist, Sarah Reily, second, and Ella Farrell is now the organist and leader of the choir. James Mc Ardle and John King are the lay trustees; Kate King, Mame Dowdle and Mary Farrell are the Sunday school teachers.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

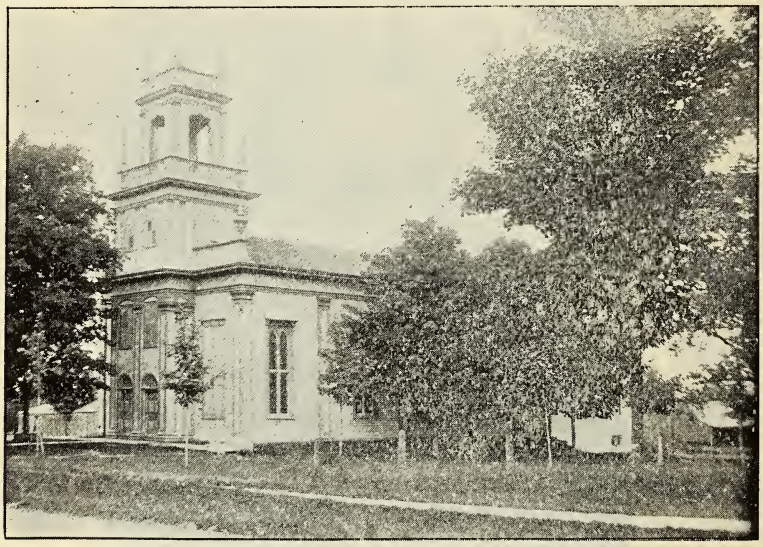
Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson
Thomas Anderson
Nellie Anderson
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carron
Genevieve Carron
James Carron
Maggie Carron
Samuel Carron
Mary Carron
Arthur Carron
Edith Carron
Patrick Carroll
Michael Carroll
Lawrence Carroll
Mary Carroll
Mr. and Mrs. John Dowdle
John Dowdle
Mary Dowdle
James Dowdle
Lucy Dowdle
Nancy Dowdle
Marguerite Dowdle
John Durnin
Julia Durnin
Cornelius Durnin
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Durnin
Andrew Durnin
George Durnin
William Durnin
James Durnin
Arthur Durnin
Edward Durnin
Mr. and Mrs. James Durnin
James Durnin
Leo Durnin
Walter Durnin
John Durnin
Mary Durnin
Anna Durnin
Lillian Durnin
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Farrell
William Farrell
John Farrell
Mary Farrell
Ellen Farrell
Peter Farrell
Jennie Farrell
Maggie Farrell
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harmon
Richard Harmon
Kate Harmon
Arthur Harmon
Mr. and Mrs. John King
Kate King
Maggie King
Mary King
Gertrude King
John King
Aloysia King
Thomas King
Maggie King
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lauckern
Thomas Lauckern
John Lauckern
Michael Lauckern
Frank Lauckern
Ellen Lauckern
Owen Lackern
Mr. and Mrs. John Lauckern, Sr.
Mrs. Elizabeth Laracy
Mary Laracy
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Louth
Anna Louth
Jane Louth
Mr. and Mrs. James McArdle
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Matthews
Mr. and Mrs. John Matthews
Alice B. Mathews
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen McEvoy
Charles McEvoy
Stephen McEvoy, Jr.
Sarah McEvoy
Joseph McEvoy
Mary McEvoy
Geo. McEvoy
Abram McEvoy
Aloysus McEvoy
Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Murray
Mary Murray
John Murray
Elizabeth Murray
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Morgan
Daniel Morgan
Michael Morgan
Mary Morgan
Jane Morgan
Thomas McArthy, Jr.
Patrick Miles
Mrs. Margaret Pepper
Mr. and Mrs. James Quinn
Bridget Quinn
John Quinn
Henry Quinn
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Quinn
Maggie Quinn
Jane Quinn
William Quinn
Julia Quinn
Anna Quinn
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Riley
James Riley
William Riley
Sarah Riley
Anna Riley
Mr. and Mrs. M. White
John White
Arthur White
Catherine Woods
Mary Woods
John and Patrick Woods
Sarah McArthy
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ward
John Ward
George Ward
William Ward
James Ward
Stephen White
Mr. and Mrs. John Kingsley
Ellen Kingsley
Edward Kingsley
Bridget Kingsley

REV. M. T. MADDEN.

Rev. M. T. Madden, pastor of St. Francis Solanus church, Farmer, N. Y., was born in Rochester, and began a college course in Toronto, Canada. He completed the course and received his degrees at Seton Hall college, under the present Archbishop of New York, and was ordained a priest at Troy, N.Y., in 1875. He came to Trumansburg, N. Y., in 1881, and has charge of that church, with Farmer as an outside parish.

REFORMED CHURCH OF FARMER.

THE Reformed Church of Farmer was organized under the name, The First Dutch Reformed church of Farmerville, in the following manner: On October 28, 1830, a meeting of the inhabitants of Farmerville and vicinity was held for the purpose of forming a Reformed church society. On the 27th of the following month letters of dismissal from the Reformed church at Lodi were given to six of its male members, who were installed into their respective offices by the Lodi pastor, Rev. Asa Bennett, Nov. 28, 1830, as follows: Elders, Peter Rappleye, John Kelly, Joseph W. Smith; deacons, William Ditmars, Jacob Voorhees, Peter Ditmars, these constituting the first consistory.



REFORMED CHURCH, FARMER.

For several months these six officers were the only members of the new church, but the number had increased to thirty-one when the first pastor, Rev. Oscar H. Gregory, was installed, August 11, 1831. Two weeks after his installation twenty-five united with the church, and when his pastorate closed, April 6, 1838, there were eighty-two members. During his pastorate, the church building, which had been started in 1829, was completed and dedicated September 28, 1831, and the first parsonage was built. The church became self-supporting in 1834. The Rev. Benjamin Bassler became the next pastor, September 1, 1838, and his pastorate extended over a period of nearly twenty-seven and a half years. It terminated with his death, February 5, 1866. The house of worship of this society was originally built after the pattern of a few of the old churches still standing in the county, with the pulpit at the front between the doors and galleries around three sides. In 1857, the building was thoroughly remodelled by removing the galleries, enlarging the auditorium to its present dimensions, 70x40 feet, and placing the pulpit on the east end of

the room. In 1850, a session room was built. During Mr. Bassler's term of service the membership had reached the number of one hundred and fifty.

The two shortest pastorates in the records of the church were that of Rev. W. W. Brush, who was called from the Theological seminary at New Brunswick, N. J., and began his work in June, 1866, severing his relations with the congregation in April, 1868, and that of Rev. A. A. Zabriskie, who began his ministry in this church in July, 1868, resigning in October, 1869. A strong spiritual interest, especially among the young people, prevailed under the leadership of these two young men.

Rev. J. C. Forsythe became the next pastor of the church in May 1870; and the life of the organization was steadily maintained, though unmarked by any unusual events during his pastorate, which lasted until July, 1875. His successor was the Rev. Philip Furbeck, who served the church from November 1875 to October 1881. In the second year of his pastorate twenty-seven united with the church. The history of the church is one of constant growth from the very beginning of its existence. Soon after the settlement of the Rev. W. H. Nasholds, a pastor—March, 1882 to October, 1887—the old parsonage was sold and removed, and the present modern and commodious house erected on the old site. The pastorate of the Rev. F. W. Palmer, was remarkable in many ways. There was a revival of interest in every department of church life. The old session house was taken down and an addition built on the main building, comprising parlor, cloak and class room above, with a kitchen and dining room below stairs. The largest accession ever received at one time into membership was on April, 1890, when thirty-eight were received on confession of their faith in Christ. That year fifty-nine were admitted. The high water mark of membership was reached in 1892, numbering two hundred and fifty. Mr. Palmer was installed in July, 1888, but had served the congregation as supply pastor from October, 1887. He resigned February 1893. The church membership at present is two hundred forty-one. It carries on much of its special work in the following societies:—a Women's Missionary Society, a Young Women's Missionary Society, a King's Daughters' Circle, a Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, a Junior Christian Endeavor Society, and an efficient Sunday School Organization.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

Abbott, Mrs. Hamilton (Isabel S.)
Allen, Mrs. Lydia H.
Anderson, Mrs. Sarah E. (Price)
Anderson, Mary C.
Badgley, Mrs. Ann Eliza
Badgley, Albertus
Badgley, Mary A.
Bagsworth, Mrs. William B.
Bainbridge, Manning
Bainbridge, Mrs. M. (Ella Van Doren)
Bainbridge, Elnora
Bainbridge, Lillian May
Bassett, Mrs. Clinton (Mary C. Peterson)
Bassette, Mrs. Samuel B.
Bassette, Cora M.
Bennett, Mrs. Monroe (Nettie Blauvelt)
Bennett, Delos T.
Blauvelt, Mrs. Matthew (Melinda Brundage)
Bodine, Guy S.
Bodine, Mrs. G. S.
Bogart, Mrs. Eliza

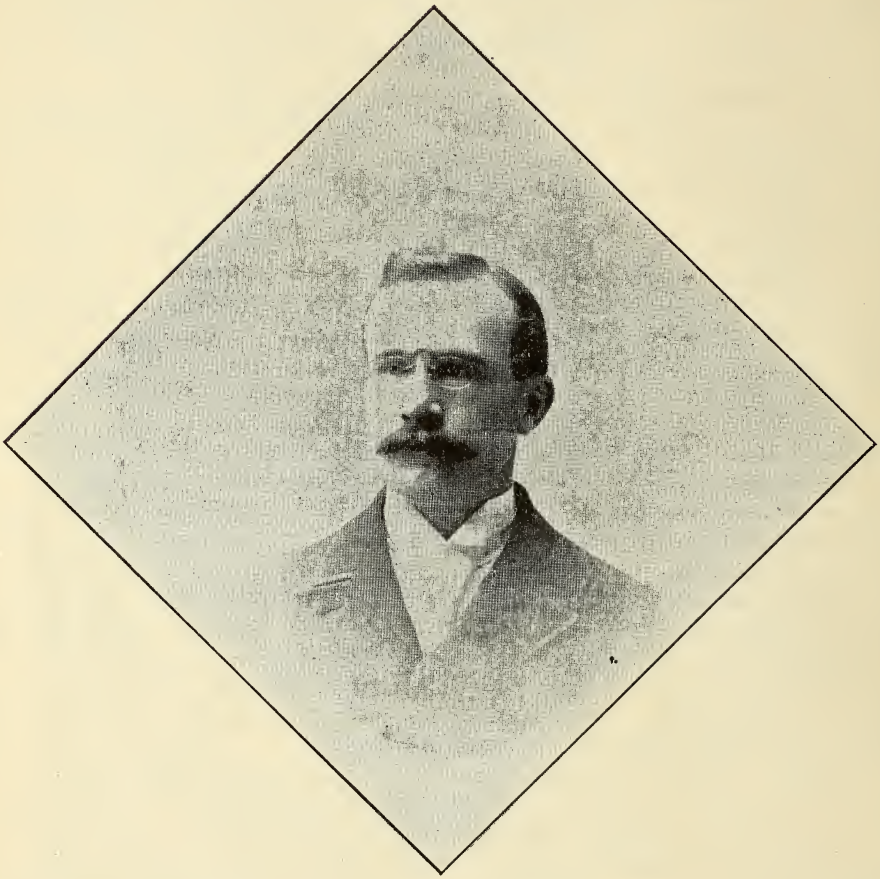
Bogart, Alvin S.
Bogart, Mrs. Alvin S.
Bogert, Augusta
Bradley, Mary L.
Bradley, Satie C.
Burr, Walter D.
Burr, Mrs. W. D.
Burr, Anna L.
Burr, Mrs. Elizabeth
Burr, Mrs. Fred (Hermione Snyder)
Burr, Mary L.
Boyer, Ida May
Case, Charles F.
Case, Mrs. C. F. (Anna Wheeler)
Cole, Mrs. Rosanna
Coryell, Mrs. Aletta
Coryell, Eliza
Covert, Abijah B. D.
Covert, Mrs. A. B. D.
Covert, John V. (Ann Rappleye)
Covert, Janet
Covert Peter
Covert, Gertrude
Covert, Peter J.
Covert, Mrs. P. J.
Demund, Lizzie
DeWitt, Mrs. Ed.
DeWitt, Edith Lyle
Ditmars, Mrs. Manette (Huff)
Ditmars, Maude E.
Demond, Mrs. John L.
Demont, Mrs. Louise (Dickinson)
Dumont, B. Clinton
Dunlap, George G.
Dunlap, Mrs. G. G.
Evenden, George
Evenden, Mrs. George
Evenden, Edgar R.
Eylenbergh, Mary Helen
Eylenbergh, Henrietta
Ferris, Elizabeth
Foote, Minnie
Foote, Mrs. E. C. (Ella Bloomer)
Frost, Eldred
Garnett, Elizabeth D.
Gosbee, Alice M.
Gosbee, Lydia D.
Gould, L. A. Mrs. (Hannah Jones)
Grove, Charles W.
Grove, C. W. Mrs.
Hageman, Hermon Mrs. (Carrie Ditmars)
House, Thomas P.
House, T. P. Mrs. (Jessie E. Frantz)
Hewlett, DeWitt C.
Hewlett, D. C. Mrs.
Hewlett, Frances R.
Hewlett, Benjamin R.
Huff, George
Huff, G. Mrs. (Sarah Wyckoff)
Jones, John E.
Jones, J. E. Mrs.
Kennedy, Helen M.
Kennedy, Sarah M.
Kerns, Robert E.
King, Mary F.
Knight, Edward M.
Knight, E. M. Mrs. (Josephine Covert)
Knight, Marian J.
Lamoreaux, Ellsworth
Lamoreaux, Mrs. E. (Catherine A. Brokaw)
Lamoreaux, Jennie L.
Lamoreaux, Ralph
Leet, Amos Mrs.
Leet, Hattie Mrs
Leonard, Charles L. Mrs. Artie Smalley)
Lyttle, Sarah A.
Mann, Jane B. Mrs.
Marshall, Joseph Mrs.
Marshall, Maggie Belle
Marshall, Ellen D.
McCall, Peter R.
McDuffie. Estelle
Medlock, M. Mrs. (Elida M. Thompson)
Messler, John
Minor, A. V. Mrs. (Mary E. Parshall)
Minor, George Mrs.
Mizener, George W.
Mizener, G. W. Mrs. (Mary Stokum)
Mizener, Mattie F.
Moore, John B.
Moore, J. B. Mrs. (Minnie C. Dumond)
Mundy, Burt Mrs. (Claudia Tunison)
Peterson, Abram Mrs. (Mary Jane Wintersteen)
Peterson, Abram C.
Peterson, A. C. Mrs. (Caroline Bainbridge)
Peterson, Helen B.
Peterson, Anna D.
Peterson, Charles C.
Peterson, C. C. Mrs. (Mary E. Wilson)
Peterson, Christopher Q.
Peterson, C. I. Mrs. (Margaret Bainbridge)
Peterson, John B.
Peterson, J. B. Mrs. (Lucy Eylenbergh)
Peterson, Marian L.
Peterson, Louise M.
Peterson, William E.
Peterson, W. E. Mrs (Carrie King)
Porter, William Mrs. (Flora Eldred)
Quick, John
Quick, Sarah C.
Quick, James P. Mrs. (Jennie VanDoren)
Quick, Mary Ann
Rappleye, Marion Mrs.
Rappleye, Arthur
Rappleye, Peter W.
Rappleye, P. W. Mrs. (Stella Williams)
Rappleye, Alfred E.
Rappleye, A. E. Mrs. (Eda J. Burr)
Rappleye, Edyth S.
Rappleye, Herbert H.
Rappleye, W. Ford
Rappleye, W. F. Mrs. (Sarah A. Blauvelt)
Rappleye, Tunis, Mrs. (Mary J. Blauvelt)

Rappleye, James M. Mrs.
Rappleye, Mary A.
Rappleye, Susan Cole Mrs.
Rappleye, Jennette Covert Mrs.
Severn, Frank W.
Severn, Wirt W.
Selleck, Ann Eggleston Mrs.
Shepson, H. B.
Shepson, H. B. Mrs.
Shepson, Helen J.
Shepson, Henry M.
Shepson, Margaret
Shepson, Lizzie M.
Slaght, Charles V.
Slaght,C. V.Mrs. (Inez Burr)
Smalley, Maria V. D. Mrs.
Stone, S. P.
Stone, S. P. Mrs.
Street, Burge Mrs.
Stout, George Mrs.
Swarthout, Hermione I. Mrs.
Symonds,John Mrs.
Thompson, Henry Mrs.
Tillyer, William Henry
Tillyer, W. H. Mrs. (Mary J. Smalley)
Tillyer, Martha S.
Torbert, J. K. Mrs.
Tunison, Isaac Mrs. (Anna S. McCall)
Tunison, Helen M.
Tunison, Iraetta
Van Arsdale, E. B. Mrs. (Agnes Royle)
Van Dusen, Hattie L.
Van Dusen, May B.
Van Dusen, Charles Mrs. (Minerva Bainbridge)
Van Lew, S. Angeline
Wheeler, D. C.
Wheeler, Oscar G.
Wheeler, J. R.
Wheeler, J. R. Mrs. (Mary Dumont)
Wheeler, Georgiana M.
Willers, Elizabeth K. Mrs.
Willers, Diedrich K.
Willers, Calvina S.
Williams, Susan E. Mrs.
Williams, Olive E.
Williamson, George Mrs.
Wintersteen, Julia D. Mrs.
Woodworth, Thomas M.
Woodworth, Peter Covert
Wyckoff, James W.
Wyckoff, J. W. Mrs. (Jane Woodell)
Wyckoff, Samuel L.
Wyckoff, S. L. Mrs.

NON RESIDENT MEMBERS.

Avery, John B.
Batty, Charles H.
Batty, C. H. Mrs. (Kate B. Huff)
Bergen, Christopher S.
Conde, Frank
Conde, F. Mrs. (Maggie May Eggleston)
Coon, Mrs. (Carrie L. Craven)
Covert, Laura Helen
Cratsley, George Mrs. (Maud Mack)
Craven, Arthur J.
Craven, George C.
Craven, Lujennie
Cuffman, David
Denison, Mrs
Emons, Mary E. Mrs.
Filkins,Nelson F.Mrs. (Mary J. Miller)
Finlayson, E. A.
Finlayson, E. A. Mrs.
Foster, Mrs. (Carrie L. Porter)
Hall, E. M. Mrs. (Mary A. Rappleye)
Kainan,Eliza Mrs.
Lyons, Alonzo
Mizener, Edward W.
Parshall, Thomas W.
Parshall, T. W. Mrs.
Peterson, Arriet J. Mrs.
Rappleye, Frances
Rappleye, Luella Belle
Roch, Eliza Jane
Stevens, Frank Mrs. (Josephine S. Porter)
Taylor, Fred H.
Torry, Augustus Mrs. (Anna Turner)
Van Zandt, Henry
Wayer, Olive E. Mrs.
Welton, Augustin W.
Westervelt, Stephen
Westervelt, Kate Mrs.
Wheeler, Howard V.

REV. ELIAS B. VAN ARSDALE.



The Rev. Elias B. Van Arsdale, pastor of the Reformed church at Farmer, was born in High Falls, Ulster county, N. Y., on August 2, 1869. His father is a minister of the Reformed church; and the son formed an early purpose of following the father into the ministry. He pursued his preparatory course without interruption, graduating from Rutgers College in June, 1890, and from the New Brunswick Theological Seminary in May, 1893. The Reformed church of Farmer, called him to be their pastor, in June, and he was duly ordained to the Gospel Ministry and installed as pastor of that church in August, 1893, in which capacity he is serving at the present time. On October 11, 1894, he married Miss Agnes Royle, of Paterson, N. J.

FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF FARMER.

THE First Universalist Society of Farmer was formed February 10, 1850, with forty-two members. H. C. Tracy, Ansel Rappleye and Enos Peck were elected trustees, and Charles E. Swift, clerk. The church building was erected in 1852 at a cost of $2,500. The first pastor was Rev. Harvey Boughton, who dedicated the church and remained with the society for eleven years. A church organization was effected in 1858, when Selah Squires and Ansel Rappleye were made the first deacons. At that time thirty-two members were enrolled. Rev. Mr. Boughton resigned in 1861 and was followed by Revs. Lydia Jenkins, P. H. Batterson, Adolphus Skinner, M. Whitney and C. C. Richardson. For a few years the pulpit has been supplied by Rev. O. M. Hilton of the First Universalist Church in Auburn.

The church property has lately been deeded to the State Universalist Ministerial Convention; and it is expected that regular services will hereafter be maintained through the care of the district Secretary of the Convention.

The late J. D. Wintersteen was for many years an active member and clerk of the society. The present trustees are James Almy, Madison Lyon, William P. Goodwin.

TOWN OF LODI.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF LODI.

THE Methodist Episcopal church of Lodi Village, was the out-growth of Methodist Societies, having an existence in various places in the vicinity for many years prior to its own organization, including Hector, Townsendville, West Lodi, Trumansburg and Ovid churches, as a circuit having a

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, LODI.

preacher in charge with his assistants, alternating in the preaching services, and continued so for many years, in the meantime giving such occasional services at Lodi Village at the school house as could be spared from the other places, as quite a membership was being added to the West Lodi church, from the village and vicinity, where a class had been formed and social meetings were regularly held.

July 24, 1837, a meeting of the members and friends of the Methodist church was held at the school house in Lodi Village, and after electing Rev. John W. Nevins, who was the presiding elder on the circuit, as chairman, and Rev. Delos Hutchins, who was preacher in charge, vice-president, and Neal

Howell, one of the members of the West Lodi church, as secretary, proceeded as follows:

Resolved, That this meeting organize themselves into a Religious Society by appointing seven trustees to be chosen by ballot. Seven persons were then chosen as follows: William Van Lew, Joshua G. Skinner, Nicholas H. Wyckoff, Michael Biggs, John DeMott, Michael B. Ellison and Edmund Baldwin.

The first four of the board were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. General DeMott and Esq. Ellison, were prominent merchants of the village, holding no church membership, and Mr. Baldwin was the keeper of the village hotel. (This was nearly sixty years ago.) It was then

Resolved, That this society be hereafter known by the name of the Lodi Village Society of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Preaching in the village school house and other ministerial services were rendered for the village membership and friends as there were opportunities, but were quite irregular, and the building of a church did not take any definite form until about 1848, when a very general desire for such an enterprise was manifested. While all were anxious and many enthusiastic in the matter, very much was due to the untiring and judicious zeal of Hon. William C. Kelly, one of the members, who gave his entire time and attention, so far as was necessary, to the building, until the house was dedicated in the fall of 1849, and received its first appointment of a preacher from the conference, for the village and West Lodi churches. Increased attendance at the services of the church in a few years, required more room and better accommodations, and in 1861 the church was enlarged and a fine bell placed in the tower. In 1880 the frame building was removed and the present brick structure was commenced and completed and dedicated in March, 1881. The cost of the building, with its additions and furniture, exclusive of bell, was about $13,000. The audience room is arranged with circling seats, an easy elevation from the altar to the rear of the room with the platform at the side so that every one, when seated, squarely faces the pulpit. The parlor or Sunday school annex is so arranged as to be occupied as a whole or by folding doors separated into two or three different apartments as circumstances require, and also a well equipped kitchen, where, if you do not find the "hallowed bread," you often find an abundance to feed the social gatherings that from time to time convene in the various departments of church labor.

The organization at West Lodi was continued for a few years after the erection of the church in the village, in 1849, and then the two societies were united in one and the West Lodi chapel was removed.

From 1849 to the present time the conferences have assigned to this charge the following named Reverends: John Powell, John N. Brown, Elijah Wood, Orin Trowbridge, David Crow, A. N. Filmore, A. E. Chubbuck, John G. Gulick, William C. Mattison, David Nutten, James L. Edson, James W. Wilson, J. B. Sheerarr, John H. Day, Robert Brewster, B. J. Tracy, George S. White, Joseph Zartman, U. S. Hall, Silas Ball and S. F. Beardslee. The

charge has been under the oversight of the following as presiding elders, viz.:

Revs. F. G. Hibbard, Delos Hutchins, William H. Goodwin, Thomas Tousey, Masur Crow, J. G. Gulick, Manly S. Hard, W. H. Annable, W. P. Blakesley and E. J. Hermans. The present membership, as last reported, was two hundred and twenty-five. The charge has a commodious and well arranged parsonage across the street from the church, and both are well and pleasantly located.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

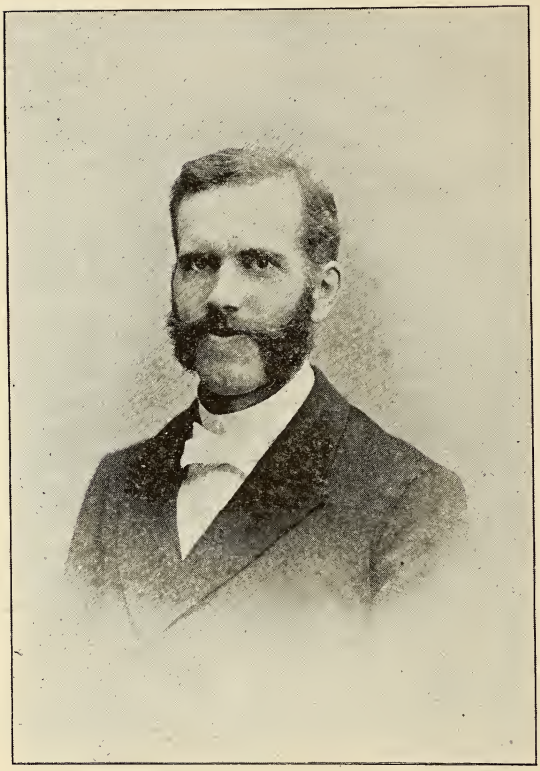
Kate Au Miller
David Armstrong
Sarah Ann Armstrong
A. W. Armstrong
Catharine Armstrong
Leroy Brokaw
Mrs A. E. Brokaw
Anna Brown
Susan Briggs
Carrie Burden
Johnathan Brown
Kitty Brown
Helen Brown
George Bishop, jr
Sarah M. Bishop
Fred Bishop
Mary A. Bishop
C. C. Bishop
Mary H. Bishop
Anna Bishop
John Bishop
Elmer Bennett
Elizabeth Bennett
F. C. Bloomer
Harriett Bloomer
Charles Bush
Carrie Bush
Joseph Burden
Louisa Burden
Ella S. Clawson
Lottie Clawson
Annalind Clawson
Mary Cheeseman
Fanny J. Covert
Cladius C. Covert
Ruth Covert
Elizabeth Covert
Abram P. Covert
J. Budd Covert
Alson B. Covert
Emma A. Covert
Thaddeus R. Covert
Almira Covert
Lillian Covert
Claud Covert
Mertie Bell Covert
Rachael Ann Crisfield
Alace Crisfield
Jennie Carman
Ella Dunn
Lewis Darling
Mrs. L. Darling
Leslie Darling
Ann Frost
Willmer Farr
Anna E. Farr
Winfield S. Farr
Sally Ann Farr
Margaret Farr
Sarah Farr
Florence Farr
George W. Galé
Della Gale
Emma Gale
Emma Golding
Albert Green
Harriet Green
James Gulick
Sarah Gulick
Watson Gulick
Conrad Gunderman
Deborah Gunderman
George W. Hall
Leroy Hall
Kate Hall
Clara Hall
Mary A. Huff
Mary Howell
S. E. Hall
Sarah A. Hixson
Phineas Howell
Emma Howell
Lillian Hall
Carrie L. Hall
Addie Hall
Lottie Hall
Mary A. Huff
Ellsworth Hall
George A. Harris
Mary Harris
Cora E. Harris
Betsey Jane Howell
Claudius M. House
Theresa House
Sarah Halsey
Mary A. Jackson
Emma Jackson
William Kitson
Julia Kitson
Addie Kitson
Daniel Kitson
Dorliska Kitson
Mattie Kitson
Minerva Kitson
Nilly Knight
Newton B. Lameraux
Jennie Lameraux
Elijah Lott
Mary E. Lott
Emma Lott
Edith Lott
Susan Miller
Nancy Miller
Frank Manning
Mary Manning
Margaret Minor
Aaron Miller
Louisa Mosier
Thomas J. Mattison
Mary Mattison
Carrie Myers
Eliza Magee

Asenath Neal
Cynthia Neal
Joseph Neal
Sylvester Neal
Martha Neal
Sarah A. Neal
Helen Neal
Wilmina Neal
Isaac H. Neal
Anna E. Osgood
Sarah B. Peck
George Pierce
Helen Pierce
Eleanor Pierce
Emma Post
Sarah Pearsall
Annie Predmore
Orson Parsels
Susie L. Parker
Amos Peterson
Penelope Peterson
Daniel G. Peterson
Emma Peterson
Mrs. Helen Peterson
Maud Raulins
Frank Rinker
Sarah Rinker
Helen Rinker
Storin Rose
Emogene Rose
George Rose

Joanna M. Rolison
Hiram Stout
Mary M. Stout
Ada Stout
Cora E. Stout
Lena M. Stout
Fannie D. Stout
Mary Sargent
Harriet Sargent
Nelson P. Stout
John B. Smith
William Slaght
Mary Slaght
Robert Slaght
Sarah Slaght
Ella Slaght
Henrietta Smelzer
Sarah Smelzer
Martin V. Shutts
Jennie Shutts
John H. Stevens
Anna A. Stevens
Frank Stevens
Hattie Spear
Daniel Spader
George W. Skinner
Aaron H. Shannon
Ella Shannon
Arthur Shannon
Matilda Schenck
Amanda Schenck

George W. Skinner
Hattie Spear
Ida Spear
Hattie Scott
Thomas Taylor
Hattie Tunison
Ida Travis
Margaret Thompson
James VanHorne
Elizabeth VanHorne
Mary VanLew
Fred VanVleet
Peter N. Voorhees
C. B. Vescelius
Matilda VanDorne
Charles VanDorne
Augusta VanDorne
Edith VanDorne
Arthur Veiley
Mary A. Woodworth
Chas. P. Woodworth
Ermina Woodworth
Cora Woodworth
Edwin J. Wilson
Alace Williams (Naley)
Charles P. Whiteford
Emma Whiteford
Grant Whiteford
Caroline Wyckoff
Daniel Whipple
Fannie Whipple

REV. S. F. BEARDSLEE.



Rev. S. F. Beardslee, the present pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Lodi, N. Y., was born in Masonville, Del. county, N. Y. His boyhood days were spent on a farm. He was converted at the age of fifteen in Roxbury, N. Y., and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. W. H. Mickle, pastor. Feeling called to the work of the ministry, he fitted for college at the Centennary Collegiate Institute of Hackettstown, N. J., and Cazenovia Seminary; attended Syracuse University and was a member of the class of '83. He was united in marriage with Miss Eva May Eigabroadt of Cazenovia, N. Y. He joined the Central New York Conference in October, 1883 and has held the following appointments: Bridgeport, one year; Camillus, three years; Lysander and Little Utica, three years; Seneca Castle and Hopewell Center, five years, and was appointed to Lodi, October, 1895.

TOWNSENDVILLE M. E. CHURCH.

THIS society was formed about 1810. Their first house of worship was built about 1813, and called the Taunton church. The second church was built about 1839 during the pastorate of Delos Hutchins. It was remodelled in its present form during the pastorate of G. S. Nichols, about 1862. In 1868, while H. M. Davis was pastor, a pipe organ was introduced, which is in use at the present time.

John Whiteford had been chorister about sixteen years prior to this time. Truman Smith was then elected to succeed him, Joseph Stevens, assistant. N. A. Depew was pastor from 1868 to 1870.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

Gracie Adams
C. M. Brookman
Mrs. C. E. Brookman
Miss E. P. Brookman
Ira Blanchard
Almont Blanchard
Mrs. Caroline Blanchard
Effie Bryant
Mrs. Mary Coleman
Mrs. Nancy Crisfield
Miss Stella Crisfield
Miss Flora Crissfield
Miss Minnie Covert
Mrs. Ida Dimick
Abram Darling
Albert Darling
Mrs. Elizabeth Darling
Fred Darling
Wm. Fox
Mrs. Susanna Fox
Samuel Fox
Edith Fox
Mrs. Lorinda Frost
Mrs. Ella Foote
E. F. Gardner
Mrs. Jane Gardner
Mrs. Jeanette German
Mrs. Hilly A. Horton
A. W. Hazard
Mrs. Rachel Hamil
Judson H. King
Mrs. Emma King
Miss Jennie B. King
Mrs. Lucinda Kelley
Mrs. Nettie Kelley
Miss Etta D. Keeler
Joseph Medlock
Mrs. Elizabeth Medlock
William Medlock
Mrs. Ella Medlock
Miss Bessie Medlock
John Murray
Miss Lydia Murray
Mrs. Sarah Mathews
C. C. Morrow
G. W. Rogers
G. H. Rogers
Mrs. Rachel Rogers
Mrs. Lucretia Rogers
W. W. Rapplyee
Mrs. Adda Rapplyee
Mrs. Martha Sundberg
Miss Mary J. Sayre
Miss Clarissa Spear
Miss Diadem Smith
Mrs. Margaret Smith
Mrs. Amanda Smith
Halsey Sayre
Aaron Shannon
Mrs. Eleanor Shannon
Mrs. Jane Shannon
Charles Shannon
Dr. J. M. Townsend
Mrs. Helen Townsend
Mrs. Emeline Townsend
Mrs. Elizabeth Townsend
D. H. Townsend
Mrs. Amelia Townsend
Miss Mary Townsend
Miss Florence Townsend
Gilbert Townsend
Mrs. Agnes Townsend
Byrd Townsend
J. H. V. Townsend
Charles Tailby
Mrs. Martha Tailby
Miss Cora Tailby
Miss Florence Tailby
Miss Sarah Tailby
Duncan Terryberry
Mrs. Priscilla Terryberry
Abram Tunison
Ira Pell
Mrs. Ida Pell

REV. CHARLES M. BROOKMAN.

Rev. Charles M. Brookman, present pastor of the Towsendville M. E. Church, was born in Caton Center, Steuben county, N. Y., October 25, 1859, where his father, Rev. S. M. Brookman, was located as pastor of the Baptist Society of that place. In 1861 his parents removed to Elmira, N. Y., where he received his education. He was licensed to preach by the Elmira District Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, at Troy, Pa., September, 1894, and appointed by the Central New York Conference in session at Syracuse, October, 1894, to the pastorate of the church at Towsendville, N. Y., at which place he is located at the present time.

REFORMED DUTCH CHURCH OF LODI.

THE Reformed (Dutch) church of Lodi was organized in 1800 as the First Presbyterian church of Ovid by the Rev. John Lindsley, a missionary of the Presbyterian General Assembly. Mr. Lindsley remained the pastor of this church for the first five years of its existence. During those years the first house of worship was built. At the present time one may look in vain for any trace of the old building, which stood just across the highway southward from the Ovid Gospel Lot cemetery. The church thus founded was not destined to remain in the Presbyterian fold, owing to its large admixture of the New Jersey Dutch who settled in the southern part of Seneca county. In 1808 the church was transferred by the Presbytery of Geneva to the Classis of Montgomery, and in October of the year following the Rev. Abraham Brokaw was installed as its pastor. During the next twelve years a strong congregation was established and the church prospered until struck by an ecclesiastical cyclone of no mean proportions in the year 1822. In that year the congregation was divided, a portion with the pastor retiring from the communion of the Reformed church into that of the True Dutch church. The True Dutch congregation thus formed, built a new church about one-half mile east of the old edifice, and there the Rev. Abraham Brokaw continued to minister until 1838 when he was succeeded by the Rev. Archibald McNiel until 1865. After that time no regular pastor was settled with this congregation and about 1876 the McNiel church, as it was locally called, was taken down.

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The litigation which followed the division of 1822 absorbed the value of the original church property, so that when that property was finally adjudged to the congregation remaining in the Reformed church, they also found themselves without a house of worship. In 1825 the Rev. Abraham Messler became the pastor of the church and under his leadership a new church was built in 1826 on the present site in Lodi Village.

A log church built by the Presbyterians stood during the first quarter of the century in the old burying ground south of the bridge at Maxwell's mill. This was the first church built within the limits of the present town of Lodi. When in 1826 the Reformed church was built in Lodi Village, the congregation of the log church united in the undertaking and shared the privileges of the new house of worship. The new church was considered a model of beauty for its day. After standing practically unchanged for nearly fifty years, in 1871 it was rebuilt and enlarged at an expense of $6,500. Just six months later, July 14th, 1872, on a Saturday night, it burned to the ground and the congregation gathered around its ashes in the morning. But in less than two weeks from that morning the money was subscribed and the contract let for the present brick edifice.

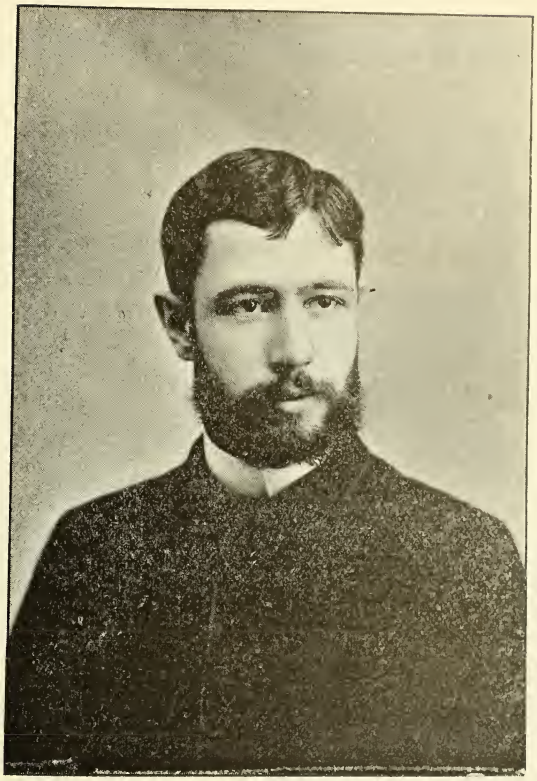
The following is a list of the pastors of the church: John Lindsley, 1800-05; Abraham Brokaw, 1809-22; Abraham Messler, 1825-28; Asa Bennett, 1828-38; John A. Liddell, 1838-48; Garret J. Garretson, 1849-52; George J. VanNeste, 1854-65; Isaac H. Collier, 1867-69; Hugh P. McAdam, 1870-84; Chester P. Murray, 1884-86; Robert H. Ballagh, 1886-88; Charles F. Porter, 1888.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

Bennett, J. M.
Bennett, Mrs. J. M.
Bennett, Mary
Bennett, Walter
Beyea, Mrs. Martin V.
Beyea, Gertrude
Bodine, P. V. N.
Bodine, Mrs. P. V. F.
Bodine, Lewis
Bodine, Mrs. Lewis
Bodine, Joseph S.
Bodine, Mrs. J. S.
Bodine, Helen E.
Bodine, Jennie E.
Bodine, George F.
Boyce, Phebe S.
Boyce, Mrs. Nelson
Boyce, Norman R.
Boyce, Nelson M.
Brokaw, Mrs. Mary A.
Brokaw, Geo. W.
Brown, Mrs. L. P.
Brown, Mrs. L. J.
Brundage, Mary C.
Budd, Mrs. J. M.
Budd, Mrs. D. P.
Caywood, Mrs. Jas. C.
Covert, Lewis
Covert, Abram R.
Covert, Mrs. A. R.
Covert, G. V. N.
Covert, Mrs. G. V. N.
Covert, Mrs. Daniel G.
DeMott, Mrs. Elsie R.
Dean, Mrs. J. Bogart
Elliott, Mrs. Thomas
Freestone, Mrs. John
Freestone, Thos. R.
Gates, Mrs. Wm. H.
Galloup, Mrs. L C.
Galloup, May
Galloup, F. M.
Galloup, Mrs. F. M.
Gardner, Alfred
Gulick, Samuel S.
Gulick, Mrs. S. S.
Gulick, George E.
Gulick, Mrs. G. E.
Gulick, Chas. H.
Harris, Mrs. George
Harris, Nelson
Harris, Mrs. N.
Harris, Abram W.
Harris, Mrs. A. W.
Harris, Jennie L.
Harris, Herbert L.
Harris, Wm. L.
Harris, Jas. H.
Himrod, Charles
Himrod, Mrs. Charles
Hodge, Albert L.
Houghton, Mrs. Mary
Houghton, Parker E.
Huff, Byard M.
Huff, Mrs. B. M.
Huff, Mrs. Sarah
Huff, Van B.
Hunt, Mrs. George
Hunt, Emma
Hunt, L. K.
Hunt, Mrs. L. K.
Hurlbut, F. R.
Hurlbut, Mrs. F. R.
Jones, Wilburn S.
Jones, Mrs. W. S.
Jones, Mrs. Mary A.
Jones, Aurelia L.
Jones, Sarah
Knight, Archibald C.
Keyes, Mrs. C. R.
Lewis, Mrs. Helen E.
Lewis Sarah A.
Lott, Frances
Lott, Judith

Lott, Alice
Mann, Emma E.
Mann, Julia A.
Maxwell, Mrs. George N.
Maxwell, Mrs. Nathan
Miller, Mrs. George V.
Miller, Helen R.
Minor, D. V. L.
Minor, Mrs. D. V. L.
Moats, Minnie M.
Morris, C. V. H.
Morris, Mrs. C. V. H
Morris, Robert H.
Morris, Mrs. R. H.
Mundy, S. B.
Mundy, Mrs. S. B.
Mundy, Mrs. George H.
Mundy, Maud M.
Mundy, Edith M.
Myers, Mrs. John T.
Neely, John E.
Nevius, John S.
Nevius, Mrs. J. S.
Northrup, Mrs. Horatio S.
Pentz, Mrs. Mary E.
Porter, Mrs. C. F.
Post, Mrs. Ann
Powell, Mrs. R.
Rhodes, Mrs. Wm. H.
Rhodes, Jennie E.
Root, Sanford O.
Sebring, John C.
Sebring, Mrs. J. C.
Sebring, Lizzie
Sebring, Alice
Sebring, Anna L.
Slaght, Mrs. Luther
Slaght, Joseph W.
Slaght, Mrs. J. W.
Smith, Edwin
Smith, Mrs. E.
Smith, Mrs. Clarence F.
Stevens, Alice,
Swarthout, Scott
Swarthout, Mrs. Scott
Swarthout, Jennie E.
Swarthout, Mrs. Seneca D.
Swarthout, Jennie V.
Swarthout, Ida M.
Swarthout, Benjamin
Swarthout, Mrs. B.
Swarthout, Louise
Townsend J. Grace
Traphagen, Walter J.
Traphagen, Mrs. W. J.
Traphagen, Gertrude M.
Traphagen, William H.
Traphagen, Alfred D.
Traphagen, Julia E.
Traphagen, Matie
Traphagen, Walter
Traphagen Elizabeth
Traphagen, Sarah
Tymersen, E. H.
Tymersen, Mrs. E. H.
Tymesen, William
Tymesen, Mrs. William
VanVleet, Mrs. A. B.
VanVleet, Elizabeth J.
VanVleet, Grace
VanDoren, Mrs. John L.
Voorhees, James N.
Voorhees, Mrs. J. N.
Voorhees, William M.
Voorhees, Mrs. W. M.
Westervelt, Mrs. R.
Wyckoff, Mrs C. E.
Wyckoff, Mrs. Anna J.
Wyckoff, Mrs. Abram
Wyckoff, Mrs. Emma
Zimmer, Mrs. Peter E.

REV. CHARLES F. PORTER.



Charles F. Porter, pastor of the Reformed Church of Lodi, was born in St. Louis in 1861. He was educated at Watertown, N. Y., preparing for college at the High School under Prof. William K. Wickes; entered Hamilton College 1881 and received the degree of A. B.; was graduated from Auburn Theological Seminary, licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Geneva and ordained by the Presbytery of Buffalo, in 1887; became pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Alden, N. Y., 1887-88; of the Reformed Church of Lodi since November, 1888.

TOWN OF OVID.

OVID CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH.

OVID Center Baptist church had its beginning in 1827, when, on December 8, the Ovid Baptist conference was organized at the house of Mrs. Kezia Scott, in the town of Ovid. For some time those who thus organized themselves into a Baptist conference had been in the habit of meeting at the homes of some of their number for religious worship. The articles of faith and the covenant adopted by the conference at this meeting, while embodying the doctrines held by Baptist churches, were unique in phraseology, differing in this respect from those generally adopted by Baptist churches; and these same documents have continued (with the exception of one sentence) to serve the same purpose in the church to the present time. Abraham Bloomer and Hevelin Ward were elected deacons, and Joseph Dunlap was appointed permanent clerk.

OVID CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH.

The members of this conference were recognized as a regular Baptist church by a council which met at the house of Mrs. Kezia Scott on the 19th of February, 1828. At the recognition service, Rev. John C. Holt of Romulus preached the sermon, Rev. Jacob Fisk of Lodi gave the hand of fellowship, and Rev. Peter R. Roberts gave the charge to the church. The infant church began its career with seventeen members, as follows: Edward Hodge, Abraham Bloomer, Sr., William Everett, Hevelin Ward, A. M. Williams, Joseph Dunlap, Kezia Scott, Betsey B. Rowley, Phoebe Grant, Phoebe Scott, Lucinda

Lewis, Sarah Hodge, Agnes Dunlap, Abigail Newbury, Sarah Everett, Althea Fingley, Ann Sayre. The church became a member of the Geneva association at its meeting in Covert that same year.

The first pastor of the church was Rev. Edward Hodge, who came to the church from the Farmer Village Church and gave to it the faithful labor of eight years. During his pastorate the church built a house of worship, 1830, and in 1832 Abraham Bloomer, Jr., and Joseph Dunlap were elected deacons, to serve during life or good behavior. These deacons were ordained by a council consisting of Revs. Brown of Romulus, Miller of Lodi, Woolsey of Farmer Village, Abbot of Trumansburg, and others. Mr. Hodge was succeeded by Rev. William G. Wisner in 1836, whose pastorate of four years was a most fruitful one, fifty-two believers being baptized into the fellowship of the church. In 1840, Rev. Lewis Ransted assumed the pastorate of the church, baptising thirty-nine into its fellowship. The pioneer evangelist, Thomas Sheardown, aided him in a protracted meeting. The next pastor was Rev. Hiram B. Fuller who was followed in the pastorate by Rev. Benjamin Warren in 1845, who remained three years. The work of the next pastor, Rev. Jonathan Ketchum, was shortened by ill-health to one-half year. Then David Taylor was pastor four years. During his pastorate, in 1849, the present parsonage was purchased, five hundred dollars of the necessary amount being bequeathed for this purpose by Mrs. Kezia Scott, one of the constituent members of the church. Mr. Taylor was succeeded by Obed Montague who was known as a Baptist Boanerges. Rev. Charles A. Votey came in 1855 and found the church in good working order and a strong body of Christians.

In 1856 and 1862 the church was blessed with revivals. During a pastorate of nine years, seventy-seven members were added by baptism. In 1857 the house of worship was repaired and enlarged. Rev. F. D. Fenner, followed in 1864, coming direct from Rochester Theological Seminary, and was ordained by the church, September 14th. After three and one-half years of labor he was followed by Rev. M. M. Evarts for two years, and he by Rev. N. B. H. Gardner, during whose two year's pastorate forty-two were baptized. Rev. A. W. Mettler then held the pastorate for two years. In 1874 Mr. Fenner was recalled to the pastorate and served four years longer. He is the only pastor recalled in the history of the church. Rev. Enos Perry then served the church less than two years, when Rev. A. J. Brown was called to the pastorate. He was ordained May 7, 1879, Rev. J. J. Phelps of Trumansburg preaching the ordination sermon. Mr. Brown was followed by Rev. Beardslee, who gave place to Rev. Edward Royce in 1884. After a quiet, but much appreciated pastorate of four years, Mr. Royce resigned, and was followed by Rev. O. J. Rose, who also served four years, and during whose pastorate a goodly number were added to the church.

During the later years of the history of the church the losses by removals, deaths and other causes more than kept pace with the gains in membership,

so that the body was continually losing in numerical and financial strength. A series of pulpit supplies followed the pastorate of Mr. Rose, who resigned in 1892. Some of these were helpful, but the hurtful and injurious were not absent, and the church on the whole lost ground until the coming of Rev. P. F. Ogden, May 1st, 1895. The present pastorate is not far enough advanced to determine its character or results, although the letter of the church to the Seneca Baptist Association, held in September 1895, speaks hopefully of the outlook. On the whole this church has done much for the community in which it is situated, but like most rural churches, it has been greatly weakened by natural causes.

The present officers of the church are as follows: Pastor, P. F. Ogden; deacons, John Purcell, J. S. Bloomer, Joseph Dunlap Jr., Isaac Wyckoff; clerk and treasurer, Joseph Dunlap Jr.; Sunday school superintendent, Rev. P. F. Ogden; trustees, Joseph Dunlap, Jr.; Marshal Allen, Van Nest Brokaw, Theodore Dowars.

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Lewis Drake
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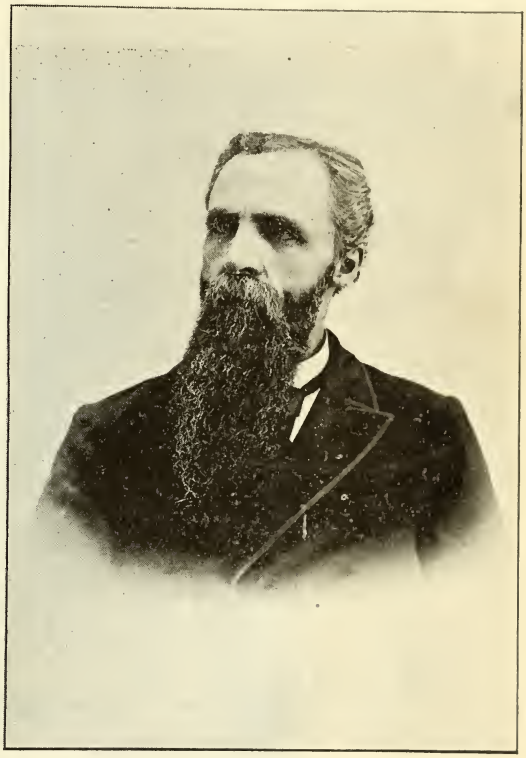
REV. P. F. OGDEN.

Philo Frisbie Ogden was born at Sennett, N. Y., May 29, 1850. At the age of fourteen he was converted under the preaching of Rev. N. R. Evarts, who, a year later baptized him. Almost at once the thought of preaching the gospel came into his mind, and soon became a conviction of duty. His parents kept him in attendance at the public school until the age of fourteen. After one term at Auburn Academy, he entered the Monroe Collegiate Institute at Elbridge, N. Y. In September 1869, he entered the senior class of the grammar school of Madison University, graduating successively from it and the college and theological departments of Madison University, (now Colgate.) In 1873, he married Stella E., daughter of Hon. Herman Benton, of Ira, N. Y. His first pastorate was at Williamson, N. Y., where he labored two years and where he was ordained August, 1876. In 1879 he removed to Michigan, in which State he accepted successively the pastorates of churches at Paw Paw, Monroe and Clinton.



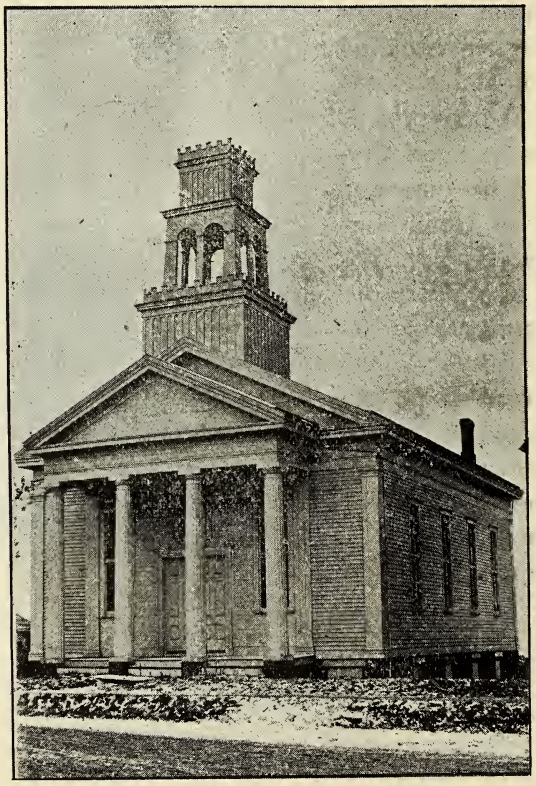
REV. P. F. OGDEN.

A change of climate becoming a necessity for Mr. Ogden and his family, he accepted the pastorate of the church at Addison, Vt., in the Spring of 1887, where he labored more than three years. Declining overtures to remain in Vermont, he entered the pastorate of the Bapist Church of Romulus, N. Y., November 1, 1890. Here a small church debt was paid and thirty-seven names added to the roll of members, and the church grew rapidly. April 1, 1894, Mr. Ogden retired to Lyons, N. Y., and took a year of needed rest. In the winter of 1895, the Romulus Church again called him to the pastorate, but he was obliged to decline. He was then called by the Ovid Center Church, entering upon his labors May 1, 1895.

His aim as pastor is to present clearly and impressively the fundamental principles of the Christian faith by word and life, and use all gifts and opportunities in a conscientious effort to build up the Kingdom of Christ

OVID BAPTIST CHURCH.

AS EARLY as 1808, Elder Caton, the Baptist pioneer preacher, had monthly appointments at the old Court house at Ovid. Elder Wisner, pastor at Scotts Corners, 1836-39, also held occasional services here. After an interval of nearly twenty years, C. A. Votey, of Scotts Corners, in 1858, appointed meetings at the Court House once in two weeks. A conference was held at the house of H. H. Bennett, April 28, 1859. D. D. Scott was chosen



moderator, Gordon Dunlap, clerk, and the brethren resolved to apply for recognition as a church. H. H. Bennett was elected deacon. On May 5, 1859, the church was recognized by the council. In December 1861 the church had a powerful revival, conducted by H. G. Dewitt. At the next association the church reported thirty-five baptisms. The meeting house was built in 1862 and services were held in the new lecture room in December of the same year.

Rev. C. A. Votey was succeeded by Rev. L. Ranstead, as pastor, in January, 1863. Ranstead was succeeded by Rev. Daniel Corey in 1865 and he by Rev. Granville Gates, from Caroline. In 1866 the society met with

great loss in the death of Mrs. Hester Kinne, whose liberality had enabled them to erect their house of worship and a home for their pastor. Peter Gor began his work as pastor April 1, 1869 and resigned in 1871. For some time after this the church was without a pastor. In 1873, T. Talmadge Van Doren, a student, served for a time. April 5th, 1874, Rev. John E. McLallan, of Trumansburg, was called and served until August 29, 1875, when he resigned. Rev. Lynn B. Albert was in charge during part of 1878 and resumed charge in June, 1879, and served two years. Since that time the church has been without a regular pastor, but has been supplied at different times from Scotts Corners and other places.

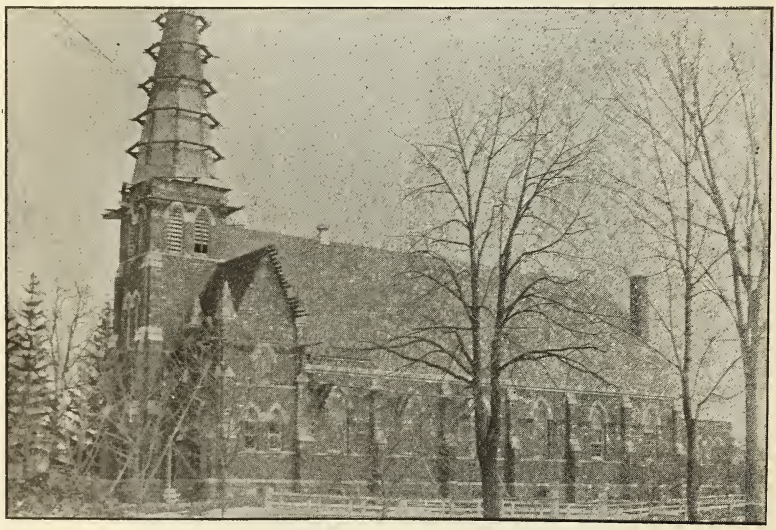
The church and parsonage are free from debt and the society has a snug sum deposited in the bank; and, though few in number, the membership is not discouraged, and expects to have a regular pastor in the near future.

The officers of the church are as follows: Trustees, H. Lamoreaux, Wilbur Wilson, and George Brown. H. Lamoreaux is also deacon and clerk.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OVID.

IN the year 1849, Rev. Father Gilbride organized a congregation and paid regular visits, saying mass in the house of James Murphy (Denton's Corners.) After a short time Mr. Murphy was ordered not to allow the priest there any more, or, if he did, he could not any longer rent the house, and would not get any work from Mr. Denton, or others in the neighborhood. Then Father Gilbride said mass at John Anderson's house on Seneca street. Mass also was said in other private houses, in a cooper shop and in the court house. In 1850, Father Gilbride began to build a church 40x50 and in May, 1857, the church was dedicated by the late Bishop John Timon, and mass celebrated in it with great joy and consolation to both pastor and people. The congregation, although poor at that time, were active, energetic and plucky.

In 1852, Rev. Father Kinney attended for a short time. He left the



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH, OVID.

diocese and went to Canada. Rev. Father Gilbride returned to his charge in 1853, but his health failed, and in a short time he died at Waterloo, N. Y. On August 24th, 1854, Rev. Father Gleason, late pastor at St. Bridget's Buffalo, and vicar general of the diocese, assumed charge, living in Ovid for two years. Then he transferred his residence to Waterloo, still retaining this parish, and performed the duties incumbent until 1859. In 1859, Father McGuire took charge of the parish about six months. In 1860, Father Cavanagh attended for nearly a year, when the bishop took him back to Buffalo and made him chancellor of the diocese. December 9, 1860, F. W. Stephens succeeded Father Cavanagh and remained four months, then Father Carmon (at present of Lockport, N. Y.) for a few months and then again Father

Stephens until June 4, 1861. On October 6, 1861, Father Dennis English, now pastor of St. Mary's, Canandaigua, administered to the wants of the people for two years, and in 1862 and a part of 1863, Rev. James T. McManus, member of Holy Cross parish from Geneva, N. Y., for six months. In April, 1863, Father Keenan was placed in charge and during his pastorate the church was enlarged to double the size; it had been painted and beautifully frescoed. He also purchased a cemetery and had it laid out into lots.

In 1869, Rev. James O'Connor, the present pastor of St. Patrick's church, Seneca Falls, was transferred to Ovid by Rt. Rev. Bishop McQuaid. He purchased a house and land property, connected therewith, at a cost of six thousand dollars. The land was graded and then trees set out, and the place much improved. Father O'Connor purchased the organ and formed the choir by the aid of Miss Ryan of Geneva. On April 20th, 1876, Rt. Rev. Bishop McQuaid transferred Father O'Connor to Rochester, and placed the parish under the spiritual care of Rev. Thomas J. O'Connell, who continued the improvement of both church and house. He graded the church lawn, had a stone pavement laid to the road, and around the north side of the church, built a large and commodious vestibule, an improvement very much needed. The pews were painted, grained and numbered. He obtained a magnificent baptismal font and secured three acres as an addition to the cemetery lot.

The Church of the Sacred Heart, Romulus, N. Y., was commenced by Rev. James O'Connor, and finished by Father O'Connell in 1876, and dedicated in the fall of 1887 by Rt. Rev. B. J. McQuaid, Bishop of Rochester diocese, who gave confirmation at Holy Cross church, Ovid, N. Y., to one hundred and twenty-six children and on the same occasion confirmed fifty children of the Sacred Heart church, Romulus, N. Y.

The Rt. Rev. B. J. McQuaid made his visitation to Holy Cross church in the month of October, 1879, and found everything in good order. On October 21st, 1882, the Bishop also gave confirmation to one hundred and forty-eight persons. There was a mission given at this church by the Passionist Fathers George Harrigan of Louisville Kentucky, and Stephens of Dunkirk, N. Y. At that time nine hundred approached Holy Communion. Rt. Rev. B. J. McQuaid made his regular visitation on September 20th, 1884, and found the church and everything in good condition and gave confirmation on the same occasion to grown people, and nineteen were confirmed.

The Rev. Felix O'Hanlon was ordained in Rochester, N. Y. on the 30th of November, 1885, and said his first mass at Holy Cross Church on December 1, 1885. He was the first who was ordained from this parish. Rev. Patrick H. O'Connell came to this country in 1879, on a vacation to see his brother, Father O'Connell, pastor of Ovid, N. Y. He returned in the Fall and pursued his studies again in St. Jonathan's College, Tuam, county Galway, Ireland. After a year there his mother or friends could not induce him

to stay in his native country and he came again to this place and entered St. Joseph's Seminary at Troy. He was ordained in Rochester, and placed in the diocese of Peoria, Ill. He said his first mass in Auburn and then at Ovid. He remained at Ovid helping his brother until he was called to Peoria, and was immediately appointed secretary at St. Mary's Cathedral, and afterwards assistant at St. Patrick's, Peoria, Ill.

The corner stone of the new church was laid at three o'clock P. M., October 28, 1895, by Rt. Rev. B. J. McQuaid, D. D., bishop of Rochester, N. Y., There were present about twenty priests. Those attending the bishop were Rev. Thomas A. Hendricks of St. Bridget's church, Rochester, N. Y., and Rev. Dennis English, subdeacon, of Canandaigua. Others present were the Reverend Fathers Kiernan, St. Patrick's cathedral; Hickey and Oberholzer, Redeemer church, Rochester; Donnelly, Victor; Lugiro, Penn Yan; O'Hanlon, Clifton Springs; McDonald, Geneva; Ganey; O'Neill, Phelps; Harrington, Waterloo; Codyre, Fairport; O'Connor, Seneca Falls; Madden, Trumansburg; Rafferty, Scipio; McMahon, Groton; Netzel, Auburn; Murphy, Holy Apostle, Rochester. The pastor, Rev. Thomas O'Connell, entertained the Bishop and priests until five o'clock, at which time the Bishop left for Rochester. Rev. Dennis English, Canandaigua, and Reverend Fathers Codyre, Fairport, and Murphy, Rochester, also Rafferty and Angelo, stayed until the following day.

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REV. THOMAS J. O'CONNELL.

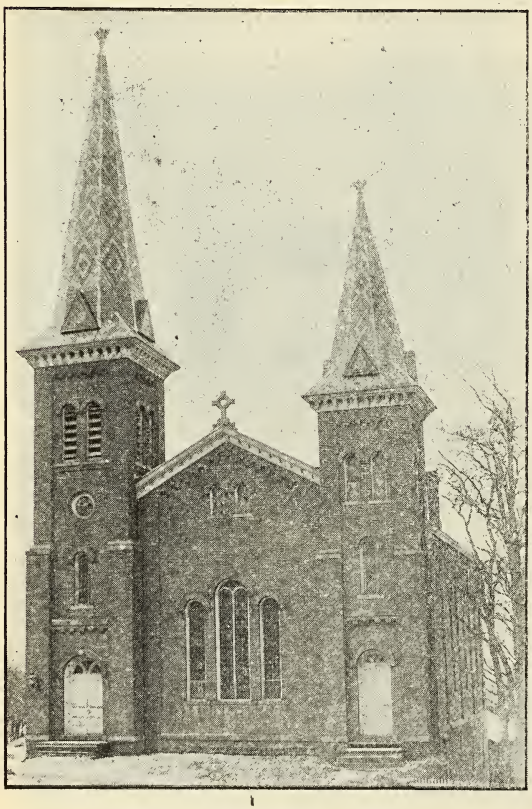
Thomas J. O'Connell, pastor of Holy Cross church, Ovid, was born in Cloondargan House, Dunmore, county Galway, Ireland. His parents were James O'Connell and Sarah Cunningham. He attended school at Clanmorris, under Michael Kenney, to study Greek and Latin, in 1860. In the following year, 1861, he went to St. Jarleth's college, Tuam, Ireland, under the Most Rt. Rev. John MacHale, spending five years in Tuam studying Greek, Latin, English, and Sciences; was sent to the Irish seminary or college, Paris, France; studied there for five years and six months. He had to leave there on account of the Franco-Prussian war, so came to this country, was adopted by Rt. Rev. Bishop McQuaid, D. D., and went to St. Bonaventure's seminary, Allegany, Cattaraugus county, N. Y., and was ordained after three months by Rt. Rev. B. J. McQuaid on June 22nd, 1871. He was sent to Auburn as assistant to Rev. M. Kavanaugh, pastor of Holy Family church and remained there four years. Then he attended at the Cathedral, Rochester, and from there was appointed pastor of Holy Cross church, Ovid, April 20, 1876, and has served his parishioners faithfully and well from that time until the present. Many good things that he has done for the people of Ovid might be mentioned, but we will speak of only one, the erection of the church now under way, which will be dedicated in the spring of 1896. This edifice, when completed, will be as fine a structure as any in Seneca county, and will be a lasting monument to the memory of Father O'Connell for many years after he has passed to his reward.

REV. THOMAS J. O'CONNELL.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, OVID, N. Y.

THE name of Ovid first appears as an appointment in the year 1820 with Rev. Jonathan Hustis, as preacher in charge. Previous to this time it was part of the Seneca circuit. The first preacher of who many record is known was James Smith in the year 1793. After the appointment of Hustis in 1820, the name was changed back to Seneca Circuit and so continued until 1827 when the name Ovid again appears with William Fowler as preacher.

William Fowler organized the first Methodist class in the village, consisting of the following persons: Elijah Horton, Ann Horton, Noah Barnum, Lucy Barnum, Alice DeMott, Delos Hutchings, Sarah McQuigg and Lydia Demond. In 1829-30 the name appears as the Ovid and Ulysses Circuit with J. Chamberlain and G. Osbond as preachers. Great revivals prevailed at this time, and opened the way for building the church. In this enterprise Esq. Osborn of Sheldrake took an active part. In 1831-32 William Snow was preacher in charge; 1833, James Hale and D. Hutchings; 1834, J. Hustis and Noble Palmenter; 1835, J. Hustis, W. H. Goodwin and B. Shipman, the latter preaching at Ovid and Sheldrake. This was the first attempt to sustain a station at Ovid alone.



M. E. CHURCH, OVID.

In 1836-37, Ovid and Trumansburg were united as a circuit, J. W. Nevins and J. Denis preachers. In 1840-41, S. Mattison preached at Ovid and Sheldrake; 1842, G. D. Perry; 1843-44, B. Harrington was preacher in charge; at this time the church was rebuilt; in 1846 Sheldrake was separated from Ovid. During the pastorate of Moses Crow, 1847, a lot was bought and a parsonage built. From this time until 1868, the following persons served the charge as pastors: E. G. Townsend, B. T. Tracy, Robert Hogoboom, H. T. Giles, J. T. Arnold, D. Hutchings, N. N. Beers, C. Coats, J. C. Hitchcock, J. Alabaster and M. S. Leet.

The present church building was erected during the pastorate of G. W. Chandler, who was appointed in 1868. From 1871, which marked the close of G. W. Chandler's pastorate, the following persons have been appointed and have served the Ovid Church as pastors: Martin Wheeler, W. H. Goodman, Robert Townsend, J. W. Steel, C. L. Connell, F. M. Warner, R. N. Leak, S. S. Barter, H. C. Moyer, William Jones, J. R. Drake, F. D. Hodgson and Harsey King. The following list comprises the officers and members of the church at the present time: Bishop, Edward G. Andrews; Presiding Elder, E. J. Hermans; Pastor, Harsey King; Trustees, J. F. Talladay, J. D. Banker, Edgar Cassidy, Edgar Hunt; Stewards, F. S. Baley, W. C. Cooper, R. Cassidy, M. C. Griffin, A. B. McMann, Levi Kunes, J. M. Payne, W. W. Payne, Wilson Smith, Horace Slaght, J. F. Talladay, E. J. Yarnell; Sunday School Superintendent, J. M. Payne; President Epworth League, Morris Smith; President Junior League, Mrs. H. Ring.

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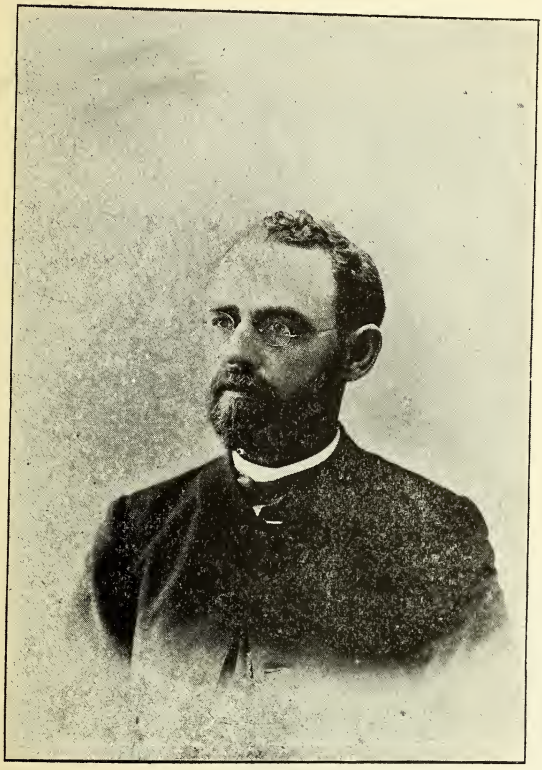
Sophia Yarnell
Oscar B. Yarnell

REV. HARSEY KING.

Harsey King, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Ovid, N. Y., was born in Ulysses, Tompkins county, N. Y., August 16, 1849. His father Rev. Asaph King, was for many years a highly esteemed local preacher in the M. E. church. The early life of the subject of this sketch was passed on the farm of his father, his education was received in the schools of the county, at the age of thirteen in a revival then being held at Jacksonville, he was converted and united with the church of that place and felt called to preach the gospel. At the age of twenty-one he was married and soon after purchased a farm near the home of his childhood and settled down to the life and work of his choice.



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The next ten years brought great changes, the happy home was broken up by death and the cherished plans interrupted and destroyed, the old call was renewed with a force and power not to be evaded. After careful study and preparation, he was admitted on trial at the Central New York Conference of 1883, and at the end of two more years of study and work under the direction of the conference, he received his first ordination as a deacon at the hands of Bishop S. M. Merrill, and two years later that of elder by Bishop John F. Hurst.

The first charge to which he was assigned was Caton, Steuben county, N.Y., where he remained the full term allowed by the law of the church. His next charge was Mainesburg, Pa., where two happy, prosperous years were spent. The necessity of being often with his father, whose years and infirmities were increasing, led to his removal to Van Etten, from which easy access could be had to the old home. The next removal was to Havana, now known as Montour Falls, where he remained for four years. In the fall of 1894 he was appointed pastor at Ovid. Mr. King has one child, a son, now a student at Cazenovia, N. Y.

METHODIST EPISCPOPAL CHURCH, SHELDRAKE.

THE Methodist Episcopal Church at Sheldrake was organized on June 13, 1811, under the name of the Ovid Society of the M. E. Church, being the first M. E. Church in the township, if not in the county. There had been services held at the home of Uncle Peter Sherman for some time before the organization, and they were continued there until they were able to build the church, which was erected a mile west of the lake. In 1869-70, during the pastorate of Rev. N. M. Wheeler, the church was moved to its present site, and enlarged and improved. For a number of years the society was

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united with Ovid in a circuit, the pastor living at Ovid and coming to Sheldrake in the afternoon. In 1868, a parsonage was purchased, largely with funds willed by Aunt Patty Sherman, and since that time this church has stood alone, except a few years, when there was an afternoon appointment at Farmer. Some of the prominent preachers of the present day have served one or more years at Sheldrake, among whom are E. D. Huntly, since Chaplain of the United States Senate and pastor of the Centennary Church in Washington, D. C., and C. C. Wilbur, now presiding elder of Elmira District and principal

elect of Cazenovia Seminary. The officers are as follows: Trustees, Hiram Crissy, J. V. Dunlap, A. Hollingshead, Enoch Covert and Dr. R. W. Padgham; Stewards, Hiram Crissy, Harry Goundry, Robert Rolfe, William Burt Helfman, Frank Quigley, Arthur Quigley, Charles Myer, Bert Myer, Kate Burlew, Edith Blew, Susie Cleveland and Lottie Helfman; Class Leaders, Hiram Crissy and A. Hollingshead; Sunday School Superintendent, Harry Goundry; President of Epworth League, Harry Goundry.

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Crissy, Fred
Crissy, Ford
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Dennis, Fanny
Evarts, Mary
Foot, Alice
Goundy, Harry
Goundy, Jessie
Hollingshead, Albert
Hollingshead, Julia
Helfman, Wm. Burt
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Myer, Charles
Myer, Bert
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Quigley, Katie
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Van Sickle, Walter
Wright, Francis
Yarnell, Sally A.
Yarnell Amanda
Yarnell, Ann
Yarnell, Myra

REV. P. T. HUGHSTON.

The Rev. P. T. Hughston, the pastor of the Methodist-Episcopal church at Sheldrake, was born at Otego, N. Y., April 28th, 1834, and remained on his father's farm until his twentieth year. He then attended school for two years at Delaware Institute, Franklin, N. Y. He also spent two years in the Cazenovia seminary. In 1858, he entered the ministry and joined the Oneida annual conference. He has served the following charges: Hartwick, East Worcester, Decatur, Exeter, Oneonta, East Hamilton, Pratts Hollow, Banckville, Jamesville, Sterling, Savannah, Canoga, Fleming, Mecklenburg, Newfield, Sodus, Seneca Castle, Phelps. In 1893 he moved to his own home in the village of Trumansburg, where he now resides. Since 1893, he has served the church one year at Townsendville, and one year also at Odessa and Catharines, and is now at Sheldrake.

OVID PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

IT WAS in the year 1800, that the First Presbyterian church of Ovid was organized by Rev. John Lindsley. This church, situated in the southeast part of the town, was transferred in June, 1808, to the Reformed Dutch Classis, and is now extinct. The Presbyterian church now existing in Ovid was organized under the name of the Seneca church, July 10, 1803, by Rev. Jedediah Chapman. It then consisted of twenty members. When Rev. William Clark, the first pastor of whom any record remains, was installed, April 17, 1811, the membership had increased to seventy-three. Mr. Clark was succeeded September 10, 1816, by Rev. Stephen Porter. During his pastorate the church was reorganized and incorporated in 1817, as the First Presbyterian church in Ovid. "A wooden meeting house" was built, on the western outskirts of the village, a Sunday school, among the earliest in America, was formed; and the membership increased to one hundred and forty-one. The third pastor, Rev. Thomas Lounsbury, was installed September 4, 1823. Under his faithful ministry, the membership was doubled, and a new building, of brick, was erected upon the present site. He was released from the pastorate in 1849, but continued to serve the church as stated supply, from time to time. His entire ministry extended over more than thirty years, and left a lasting impression on the community.

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After Dr. Lounsbury's release, Rev. Matson Meier Smith, installed October 23, 1849, was pastor for a year. Rev. A. B. Dunlap supplied the pulpit from 1850 to 1853. Rev. Laurentine Hamilton was pastor from January 3, 1854, until May, 1855, and Rev. O. P. Conklin from 1856 to 1861. During this last pastorate the membership, which, notwithstanding a revival in 1853, had declined to 165, again increased to 274; and, the old church having been destroyed by fire, the present building was erected, at a cost of about $12,000. After an interval, during which the pulpit was supplied principally by Dr.

Lounsbury, Rev. Willis J. Beecher succeeded to the pastorate in 1864. He was followed in December, 1865, by Rev. C. E. Stebbins, who continued until 1870. In February, 1871, began the long and faithful ministry of Rev. Hugh W. Torrence. It closed, after repeated revival seasons, in February, 1887. A call was then extended, June 19, 1887, to Rev. James Cruickshanks, to become pastor of the church. He was removed by death, June 3, 1889. During his ministry a Christian Endeavor society was organized, October 28, 1887, which now numbers one hundred and thirty members. The present pastor, Rev. Henry Axtell Porter, began his labors in October, 1889, and was installed December 3rd. Extensive improvements have since been made in the church property. A parsonage was purchased in 1890, at a cost of $2,500. The present membership is two hundred and twenty-two.

The Ovid Presbyterian church has, from its beginning, been distinguished for the intelligence and high Christian culture of its members. From it have gone forth such educators as Sandford Doolittle of Rutgers, Charles Joy of Columbia, William H. Brever and Henry A. Lounsbury of Yale; and such foreign missionaries as Mary Wilson of India, Mrs. Gertrude Best of Africa, Dr. and Mrs. John L. Nevins of China. May its future record be as illustrious as its past.

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Banker, Emma Mrs.
Brewer, Cornelius Mrs.
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Combs, Marian Miss
Combs, Delmar
Combs, Azel B.
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Chapman, Sarah Miss
Chapman, Peter C. Mrs.
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Clark, Ellen K. Miss
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Covert, Kittie D. Mrs.
Caywood, Clara E. Miss
Covert, John F. Mrs.
Cooley, Andrew J.
Cooley, Mary E. Mrs.
Cooley, Frances O. Miss
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Dunham, Anna M. Miss
Denniston, John, M. D.
Dunlap, Arthur Mrs.
Dunlap, Lizzie F. Miss
Dunlap, Augusta J. Miss
Dunlap, Lillie Miss
Dunlap, Wirt C.
Dunlap, Charles
Dunlap, Eva L. Mrs.
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Dickerson, George Mrs.
DeMond, Theodore Mrs.
DeMond, Mary Lucinda Miss
Demond, Sidney Burton
Dakin, Benjamin T.
Dakin, Sophia Mrs.
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Eastman, Fannie M. Mrs.
Eastman, Sarah H. Miss
Eastman, William L.
Eastman, Augusta Mrs.
Eastman, John N.
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Everett, Lesba J. Miss
Everett, Millard F. B.
Foster, Augusta Miss
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Freligh, Garrett W. Mrs.
Franklin, Anna Miss
Franklin, Charles J.
Franklin, John Mrs.
Finton, Maynard J.

Finton, Harriet E. Mrs.
Foster, Joseph M. Mrs.
Gorton, Clement Mrs.
Harris, Morgan
Harris, Christina D. Miss
Howell, Mary Mrs.
Howell, Caroline M. Miss
Howell, William C. Mrs.
Henry, Eliza Ann Miss
Hayt, Sally Ann Mrs.
Hayt, J. Louise Miss
Havens, Alfred S.
Hause, Alfred B. Mrs.
Hause, William J.
Horton, Seymour
Horton, Anna Augusta Mrs.
Howard, Jarvis C.
Howard, Lucy A. Mrs.
Howard, Marshall P.
Howard, Charles Burt
Howard, T. Belle Mrs.
Houghton, May Miss
Horton, Emma L. Miss
Horton, Daniel J.
Horton, Elsie B. Mrs.
Hanlon, George O., M.D.
Howe, Matthew C.
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Johnston, Mary Mrs.
Johnston, Charles A.
Johnston, Anna S. Miss
Johnston, Harry F.
Johnson, Edward T.
Johnson, Mary Ann Mrs.
Johnson, Abram Mrs.
Johnson, Nellie Miss
Johnson, Morris E. Mrs.
Johnson, Laura M. Miss
Johnson, Helen L. Miss
Jacacks, Fred Mrs.
Jones, Hannah Mrs.
Jones, Jane Mrs.
Jones, Winifred Miss
Jones, Elizabeth L. Miss
Jones, Grace E. Miss
Jones, Lewis B.
Jones, Carrie S. Mrs.
Jones, Margaret Mrs.
Jones, Horace T.
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Kinne, Gertrude E. Mrs.
Kinne, Susan M. Miss
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Kinne, Cyrus E. Mrs.
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Manning, Sarah M. Miss
Miller, Charles Mrs.
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Perry, Lizzie Miss
Rising, Margaret Mrs.
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Seeley, Mary De F. Miss
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Seeley, Martha C. Mrs.
Seeley, Mary Miss
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Zimmer, Fayette
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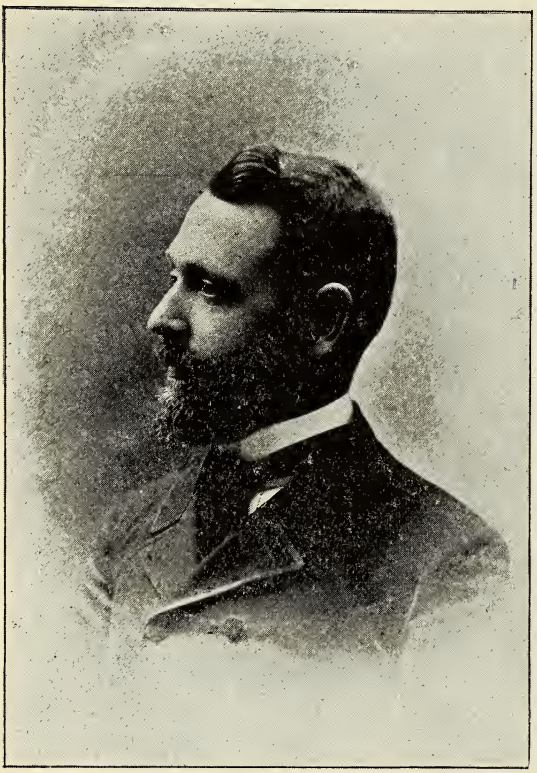
REV. HENRY A. PORTER.

Rev. Henry Axtell Porter was born August 17, 1858, in St. Louis, Mo., but claims hereditary rights in Ovid, where his grandfather, Rev. Stephen Porter, was among the early pastors of the Presbyterian Church, and where his father, Rev. J. Jermain Porter, D. D., was born. His boyhood was passed in Watertown, N. Y., to which his father's family removed in 1864.



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Here, on June 1, 1873, he was received to full communion in the First Presbyterian Church, of which his father was pastor. In 1874 he completed his preparatory course in the public schools, as valedictorian of his class, and entered Hamilton College, where he was a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity, and from which he was graduated with honor and literary oration in 1878. He then took charge of the classical department in Gleason Academy, Chicago, for a year, after which he was for four years instructor in Greek in the Collegiate School of New York City. At the same time he pursued his studies in Union Theological Seminary, from which he was graduated in May, 1883. During these four years he also engaged in practical Christian work, first, as a city missionary in the slums of East New York; then, for a short time, as a home missionary in Evans Mills, N. Y., and afterward, for about a year, as stated supply of the Presbyterian Church of Avondale, N. J.

In 1883, having previously been licensed by the Geneva Presbytery to preach the gospel, he was ordained by the Presbytery of Nassau, and installed as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Smithtown, L. I., one of the oldest churches in the United States. It was then at a low ebb, but during this pastorate was greatly increased in strength. Mr. Porter was married on the 18th of October, 1883, to Miss Emily Rockwell Holt, only daughter of the late W. K. Holt, of Hartford, Conn. They have three little daughters.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHAPEL, GLENWOOD.

GLENWOOD chapel is a small but beautiful church edifice situated on the west shore of Cayuga lake between Kidders and Sheldrake. It was erected in the summer of 1879, mainly through the liberality of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Rapelye of Astoria, Long Island, whose summer home adjoins the chapel, aided by residents and summer visitors of the neighborhood. Six years before, in the summer of 1873, a small Sunday school, beginning with four scholars, was organized in the parlors of Glenwood Lodge by Mrs. Rapelye—who during all the years of its history, thus far, has continued as its superintendent. The Sunday school and the work that has

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHAPEL.

grown out of it has been remarkable, as furnishing an example of how, by earnest, continued effort, the religious forces of a scattered country neighborhood can be gathered and organized and made effective in benevolent and religious work. This is a farming neighborhood, the nearest village three miles distant. A half dozen cottages along the lake side are occupied several months of the year by families from New York and other cities, and two hotels a mile apart are well patronized by summer visitors. For the sixteen years that the chapel has been built—and used by the Sunday school—regular preaching services have been maintained every Sunday afternoon during the summer months. In 1888, a circle of King's Daughters was organized.

In 1890, to meet those needs of the neighborhood that could not be met by the accommodations furnished by the chapel, a commodious hall was erected by Mrs. J. D. Bradford, of New York City. This hall is a kind of "People's Palace" on a small scale, adapted to the social and intellectual

needs of the community, providing a gathering place for young and old—winter and summer. It is well furnished with books and papers, a small gymnasium, a kitchen, and dishes for social entertainment. Here the King's Daughters, and a Christian Endeavor society since organized, maintain a weekly meeting. The Sunday school and chapel and hall work is carried on as a union undenominational one, with the idea of strengthening the churches in the nearest villages, and so has had the sympathy and co-operation of their pastors. As a result of these twenty-two years of effort, the whole tone of life in the neighborhood has been uplifted, a number have been added to the churches, and the summer visitors and farmer's families have been brought into close and sympathetic touch along lines of philanthropic and Christian activity.

ALL SAINTS PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHAPEL AT KIDDERS.

IN October of 1871, Miss Mary L. Drake, a guest at Cole's Hotel, Kidders Ferry, N. Y., began the first movement toward the erection of a church edifice at this place of summer resort. Mr. Myron R. Cole offered a lot for the site and Mr. Peter Fish aided the undertaking by contributing one hundred dollars to the building fund. The first money actually paid in to the treasury was given by Mr. P. H. Drake of New York. The amount was one dollar and a half. The collection of offerings was continued through several years and, in 1878, the Rev. J. Everist Cathell, at that time rector of Calvary church, Northville, strengthened and widened the interest in the work. On

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the 11th day of August in that year, he held the first service in connection with the movement, in the grove in front of Cole's Hotel, upon the shore of the lake. For two or three summers during the period of his subsequent rectorship at Trumansburg, Mr. Cathell held occasional services at Kidders Ferry and at the Cayuga Lake House.

On the 17th day of August, 1880, the corner stone of the chapel was laid by the Rev. William T. Gibson, D. D., rector of St. George's church, Utica. On this occasion there were present of the clergy the Rev. Drs. Ayrault, Gibson, and VanRensselaer, and the Rev. Messrs. Cathell, Bishop, McNish, Rice, Hubbard, Casey, Nicholson and Wallace. The congregation numbered nearly three hundred. The address was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Ayrault, who was followed in words of congratulation and encouragement to the friends of "All Saints Chapel," by the Rev. Mr. Cathell and by Mr. William Bogart of Aurora. The offering in behalf of the building fund amounted to $35. The corner stone contained a copy of the Holy

Bible, a book of Common Prayer, a church hymnal, a journal of the diocesan convention, a list of the contributing friends of the chapel, some church papers and a few other memorials.

The plans and specifications for the building were made and presented by Mr. E. B. Green of Auburn. A contract for its erection at an expense of $1,500 was made with Mr. John King of Farmer Village.

The church furniture and windows, the baptismal font and sundry other articles necessary to give completeness to the building were special gifts. The altar was given in memory of Mrs. Elmira A. Sage Dunham. The chancel windows, representing Christ in glory with saints in adoration, were presented by Mr. Hamilton of Fond du Lac, in memory of his wife. The font was paid for by the offerings of little children. The organ was the gift of Mrs. A. C. Taylor and other friends of the chapel. St. John's church, Ithaca, gave the prayer desks and the Bishop's chair. The Sunday school of Christ church, Oswego, gave the lectern and altar rail. The Bible was given by Mr. Spence Spencer of Ithaca. The altar cross was a memorial of Catharine A. R. S. Beach and the book rest, of Maria Grant Drake. The silver chalice and paten were presented by friends and relatives as a memorial of Sister Amelia. The total estimated cost of the building and furniture was $2,600.

During the summer of 1881, while the chapel was yet in an unfinished state, divine service was held in it on five occasions, first by Myron R. Coleman of Kidder's Ferry, and subsequently by Mr. Tenny of New York, Professors Crane and Williams of Cornell University and Mr. Wm. Stacy of Geneva. On the 25th of June, 1882, the Rev. J. E. Cathell officiated. From that time until Oct. 1st of the same year, Mr. Montgomery Goodwin said evening prayer regularly every Sunday. On the 29th day of September, 1882, being the feast of St. Michael and All Angels, All Saints Chapel was solemnly consecrated to the worship of Almighty God by the Rt. Rev. F. D. Huntington, D. D., Bishop of Central New York.

TOWN OF ROMULUS.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, OF ROMULUS.

THREE years before this church was constituted, the record of the old Church of Chemung, organized in 1789, speaks of brethren living at Romulus or Apple Orchard, and the reception of two members by baptism, James Finch and Mary Stevens. The church was constituted in June, 1795, with a list of seven members. The seven original names are not positively known, but the first enrollment presents the following: Absalom Bainbridge, Peter Bainbridge, John Green, John Finton, Mrs. Sally Sayre, Mrs.

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Denton, Samuel Blain and wife, Barna Swarthout, Mahlon Bainbridge and wife, William W. Folwell and wife, and Elijah Abbott. Of this list Absalom Bainbridge's name appears as the first pastor; and John Green and John Finton were the first deacons. Mahlon Bainbridge is said to have been the first one received into membership by baptism after the church was constituted. This was the first church organized in Seneca County.

For some years they met without a stated house of worship; until on New Year's Day, 1808, William Watts Folwell gave them a lot on which to build a meeting house, to be known as the First Baptist Church in Romulus, being of

the same faith and order as the Philadelphia Baptist Association. Steps were at once taken to erect a house of worship, which was partially completed the same year. Subscriptions were paid in work and barter. When first built the meeting house stood a little north of its present site, and faced the south. Not being completed, it was vacated for the winter, and again the school house was used. Later, in 1824, the building was completed. The high old-fashioned pulpit stood at the entrance to the house, and the audience faced the door as well as the preacher. Originally the first floor was the auditorium with a gallery on three sides.

This church was one of the constituent members of the Chemung Association in 1796; but withdrew in 1804, to unite with the Cayuga Association, of which it was a member until 1813, when it again united with the Chemung Association. In 1820 it was dismissed, and became a constituent member of the Seneca Association soon afterward formed. Twenty-five pastors have served since the organization of the church. Prior to 1802, the names of four pastors appear without definite record as to the duration of their terms of office—Absalom Bainbridge, Ephraim Sanford, Roswell Goff and Peter Bainbridge.

In 1802, Jehiel Wisner became pastor, serving the church two years at least. Twenty additions to the church in that year made a membership of sixty-eight. Rev. John Caton commenced his pastorate in 1808, with a membership of sixty-two; his work continued until 1818, the membership increasing to one hundred and five. Mr. Caton was a Revolutionary soldier and when Marquis De La Fayette visited America the last time, in 1825, while at Waterloo he recognized in the throng surrounding him his old companion in arms, John Caton. Rev. John Cooper, entered the pastorate in 1823, with a membership of fifty-four, the decrease in members being the result of the new church organization in the east part of the town. Rev. John C. Holt accepted the pastorate in 1826, having graduated from Madison University, at Hamilton, in June of that year, and was ordained, October 20, 1826. His pastorate continued for over two years. He probably organized the first Sabbath school held in the "meeting house," of which he was the superintendent. Rev. William W. Brown's pastorate presents five years' service, from June 1, 1828, to near the close of 1833. The years '31 and '32 were especially rich in blessing, adding to the church ninety by experience and letter. During this pastorate one hundred and seven were added, making the church membership one hundred and thirty-six. Rev. Nathaniel Otis' pastorate opened in the spring of 1834, and continued until the spring of 1838. Seventy-eight were added during this pastorate, making an aggregate of one hundred and seventy three members. The pastorate of Rev. C. G. Carpenter, began the fall of 1838, and terminated, April 1, 1843, nearly five years of association in the Lord's work, which indicates in the record a very warm relation between pastor and people. The labors of Rev. D. Wright, with the church, began in May, 1843, and continued for four years. The

next pastorate, that of Rev. Obed Sperry, was entered upon August, 1847, and closed about April 1, 1849.

In May, 1849, Rev. Isaac Fargo entered upon his labors as pastor, and for over six years led the people in apparent victory, not only as regards the reconstruction of the house of worship, and securing a parsonage lot, and constructing the present home for the pastor, but in a soul-reviving work which was marked by large additions to the church of nearly one hundred. Rev. J. S. Webber, came to this people and entered upon his work, September 9, 1855, continuing with them until March 1, 1858. Rev. P. Irving entered this pastorate, June 5, 1858, and closed the same, February 18, 1860, fifty-one having united with the church. Rev. M. W. Homes' labor began, August 4, 1860, and closed, October 6, 1866. During these more than six years, there were repeated ingatherings, resulting in the largest membership chronicled, two hundred and twelve. Rev. D. D. Owen entered upon his duties as pastor, April 1, 1867, and after five years of faithful service closed the same, April 1, 1872. Rev. T. McNair settled with this people, April 1, 1873, and served them for two years. Lewis J. Gross, who had supplied for a time two years before, having finished his studies, received a call to the pastorate which he accepted in April, 1875, and commenced his work in June, and was ordained, March 7, 1876. A continuous growth was manifested, and much interest prevailed. This pastorate terminated January 15, 1882, nearly seven years in duration. Rev. R. B. Stanton served for four years as pastor, from May, 1882, to April, 1886—four years of pleasant union, in the early part of which, quite an addition was made to the church membership. Rev. George L. Oliver, spent the next four years as pastor, from July, 1886, to April 1, 1890. Rev. P. F. Ogden's pastorate of over three years, began in November, 1890, and terminated, April 1, 1894. This was marked by unity and advancement in regard to the more spiritual needs of the people. Rev. F. M. LaBar commenced his services in June, 1894, but deciding to re-enter Rochester University to complete his course, resigned, January 1, 1895. Rev. Wisner Kinne, the present pastor, began his work, February 10, 1895.

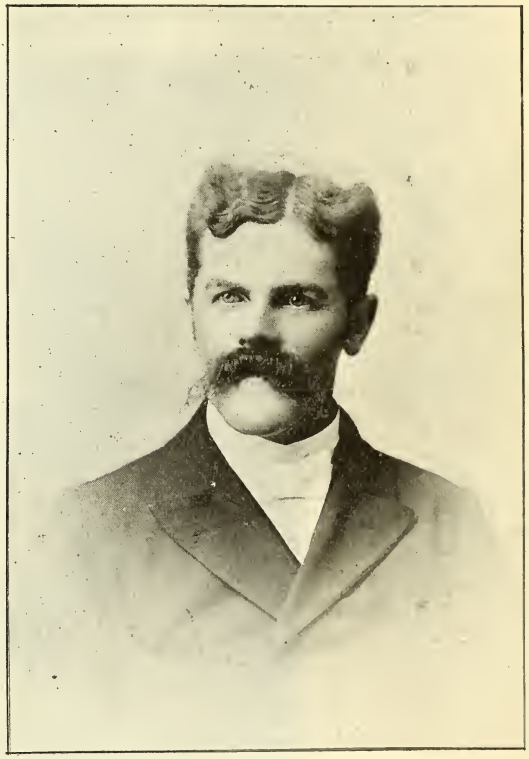
As to workers going out from this church, there is a very good representation: James C. Barrett, 1820; S. M. Bainbridge, 1836; E. Gardner, 1838; Revs. B. S. McLafferty, D. D., and John Griffith, D. D., 1852; Rev. S. V. Marsh, 1856. Thomas Marsh, the senior deacon, was licensed to preach, January 7, 1860.. Last upon the list of workers is Miss Lisle Bainbridge, who went to China with Dr. and Mrs. Nevius. The deacons who served are as follows: John Finton, John Green, John Bainbridge, William Salyer, Abner Carey, Samuel Blaine, Elijah Abbott, Cyrus Bainbridge, Simeon Salyer, Clement Leach, Ebenezer Gardner, Hiram S. Banker, Alexander Baldridge, Thomas Marsh, Dr. N. W. Folwell, Montgomery Updike and William Bumpus.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

Bainbridge, William
Bainbridge, Catharine Mrs.
Bainbridge, Mary Mrs.
Bainbridge, Cornelia Mrs.
Bainbridge, Lisle Miss
Baldridge, Elizabeth Mrs.
Baldridge, Charles
Bartlett, Ruth Miss
Bartlett, Emma C. Mrs.
Bartlett, Nancy C. Mrs.
Bartlett, Anna Miss
Benjamin, Erastus
Benjamin, Harriet Mrs.
Benjamin, Fannie C. Mrs.
Benjamin, Martha Miss
Benjamin, Addison
Benjamin, Earnest
Benjamin, Rosetta W. Mrs.
Bard, Mary K. Mrs.
Bishop, Rachel Mrs.
Beach, Lydia L. Mrs.
Blain, Jane Miss
Bumpus, Harry
Bumpus, Sarah E. Miss
Carrell, Elizabeth Mrs.
Cole, Edmond P.
Cole, Addella J. F. Mrs.
Cole, Thomas F.
Cole, Clement B.
Cole, Claudius C.
Coryell, Susan S. Mrs.
Coryell, Louise Miss
Coryell, Sarah J. Mrs.
Coryell, Tabitha A. Mrs.
Coryell, Hannah Mrs.
Crane, Elizabeth D Mrs.
Crane, Ellis
Crane, Agnes G. Mrs.
Close, Sidney
Close, Sidney Mrs.
Close, Charles
Close, Otelia V. C. Mrs.
Covert, Horatio J.
Covert, Laura Janet Mrs.
Covert, William
Covert, Lena Miss
Covert, Ida Miss
Denniston, Minerva B. Mrs.
Doughty, Clara S. Mrs.
Doremus, Emma S. Mrs.
Everett, Warren
Everett, Clara B. Mrs.
Folwell, Caroline Mrs.
Folwell, Ida Miss
Folwell, Jennie Miss
Finton, Alonzo
French, Clara Belle Miss
French, Laura May Miss
Gardiner, Evelina Mrs.
Garrison, Sarah Mrs.
Garrison, Fred Beecher
Gilliland, Mary B. Mrs.
Graves, Carrie Louise S. Mrs.
Hunt, Julia Mrs.
Hunt, Julius F.
Hunt, M. Emma Mrs.
Hunt, Eva B. Miss
Hallack, Halsey
Hallack, Elizabeth E. Mrs.
Hamilton, Mary Miss
Hogan, Emma L. Mrs.
Keefer, John
Keefer, Eliza Mrs.
King, Lula M. Mrs.
Kinne, Wisner Rev.
Kinne, Margaret M. P. Mrs.
Kennedy, Ada B. Miss
Kennedy, Fannie W. Mrs.
Lerkins, Henry
Lerkins, Anna Mrs.
Marsh, Thomas
Marsh, Jennie Mrs.
Marsh, Hattie Miss
Marsh, Will C.
Marsh, Frank J.
Marsh, Arthur
Marsh, Ella Miss
Marsh, Anna B. Miss
Miller, Eva Miss
Miller, Bergen J.
McWhorter, K. H. Miss
McLafferty, Absalom
Olmstead, Flora L. Mrs.
Osborne, Josie B. Mrs.
Reigle, John H.
Reigle, Lucy A. Mrs.
Reigle, Lucy Miss
Reigle, Eugene H.
Reigle, Foster L.
Reigle, Jessie W.
Reigle, Frank A.
Russell, Julian A.
Russell, Lile V. C. Mrs.
Russell, Susan Miss
Raplee, Mary Mrs.
Roan, Mattie Miss
Smith, Andrew J.
Smith, Henrietta Mrs.
Smith, May Belle Miss
Smith, Adella V. N. Mrs.
Smith, Elizabeth P. Mrs.
Sample, Sallie A. Mrs.
Smalley, Hannah Mrs.
Smalley, Estella S. Mrs.
Sutton, Marinda Miss
Stout, Warren
Sayre, Susan A. Mrs.
Simpson, Charles H.
Simpson, Anna Mrs.
Simpson, Ida May Miss
Simpson, Mary Etta Miss
Stamm, Spencer W.
Torrey, Eliza M. Mrs.
Thayer, Frank C. Mrs.
Updike, Elizabeth Mrs.
Updike, Montgomery
Updike, Abbie L. Mrs.
Updike, John P.
VanCourt, Emily Mrs.
VanCourt, Montgomery
VanCourt, Anna C. Mrs.
VanCourt, Laura V. Mrs.
VanHorn, Addie Mrs.
VanNostrand, Susan Mrs.
VanNostrand, Frank W.
Wilcox, Bertha J. Mrs.
Wilcox, T. S.
Wilcox, Elizabeth Mrs.
Walker, James Mrs.
Walker, W. R.
Walker, Bertha S. Mrs.
Wells, William B.
Wells, Maggie S. Mrs.
Wells, Raymond B.
Wixom, Ray
Wixom, Bertha May S. Mrs
Williams, Harry James
Williams, Grace D. Mrs.
Williams, Edwin J.
Williams, Carrie D. Mrs.

REV. WISNER KINNE.

Rev. Wisner Kinne, pastor of the First Baptist church of Romulus was born October 28th, 1859, in the town of Romulus. His parents were David Wisner Kinne and Mary L. Stone. They had eleven children, of whom he is the youngest and only living son. His mother died March 4th, 1872, leaving the memory of a dear, devoted life. In July, 1890, his father was stricken with apoplexy, and passed away, May 2d, 1891, closing a life of activity and earnestness for all needed reforms. Mr. Kinne's early life was spent on the farm. He attended the district school, the East Genesee conference seminary at Ovid, and Cazenovia seminary.



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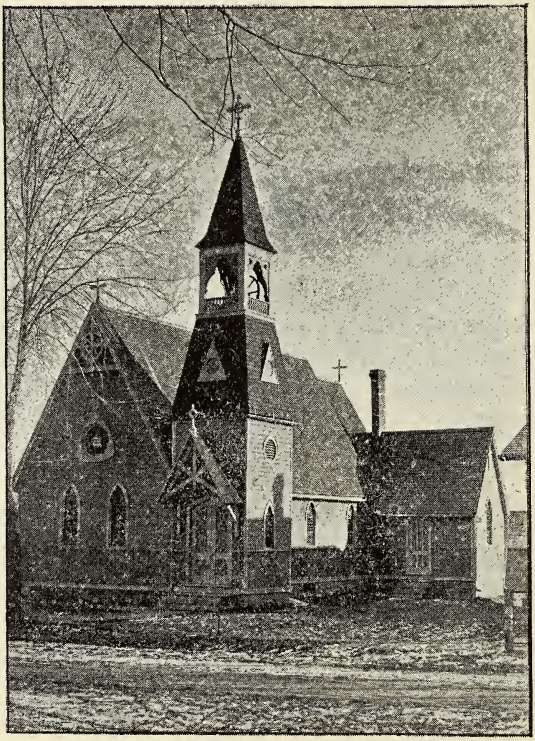
At the age of twenty-one he entered into a partnership with his father on the home farm, where he continued six years, then, yielding to his convictions of duty, he left business life to enter the Lord's service in a definite ministry. In January, 1888, he entered the New York Missionary Training college for a two years' course, spending much time in city mission work. The summer of 1888 was spent at Chappaqua, Westchester county, as superintendent of a union mission chapel.

His first pastorate was at Westbury, Long Island, where he spent two years. June 3rd, 1890, he was united in marriage to Miss Margaret W. Payne, daughter of John Wesley and Maria Sutherland Payne, of Ovid. They have two children, Dean Wesley and Paul Payne. June 12th, 1893, he was ordained to the ministry, in the Gospel Tabernacle church, New York city, spent one year in supplying the pulpit of the Ovid Center Baptist church; later accepted a call to become the pastor of the Baptist church at Troupsburg, Steuben county. February 10th, 1895, he accepted the pastorate of the church he now serves. His highest aim and deepest purpose is to glorify God by faithful service for immortal souls.

CALVARY PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, HAYTS CORNERS.

REV. CHARLES W. MACNISH held the first service of the Episcopal church in the public school house at Hayts Corners, January 14th, 1883. The interest from the first was surprisingly good, and, as the people became acquainted with the service, they came to like the form of worship of the Episcopal church, as is always the case where people are instructed. The first baptism into the Episcopal church at Hayts Corners took place May 27th, 1883, and the apostolic rite of confirmation was administered in the place for the first time, on the 3rd day of June, 1883, by the Rt. Rev. F. D. Huntington, S. T. D.

Here, as ever, the Kingdom of God began as a grain of mustard seed



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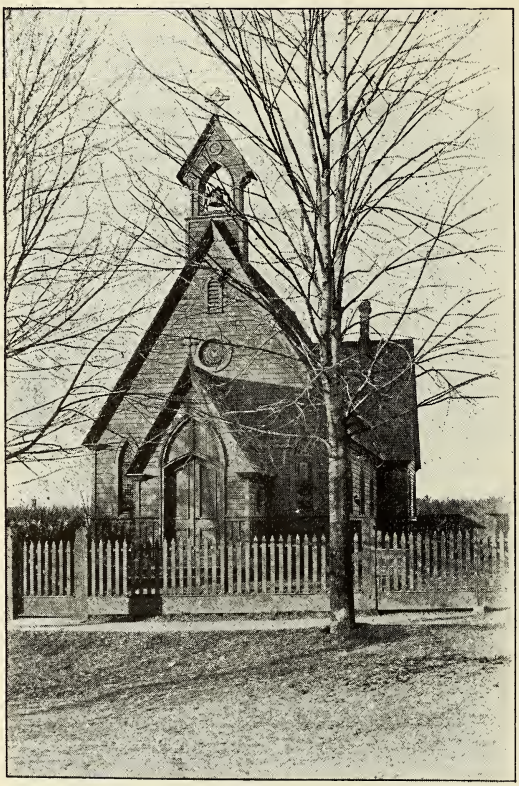
which is planted in the earth. It grew here, until those who had become attached to this church and her service began to long for a suitable place for worship, and this longing resulted in many a self-denial to the desired end.

In the early spring of 1889, the first steps were taken toward the purchase of a lot on which to erect a church. These together with the efforts to raise money toward the erection of a church edifice, were blessed to that extent that the people felt warranted in going on with the cherished project, and so the

corner stone was laid by the bishop of the diocese on the 12th day of June, 1889. The church was so far completed as to enable the people to enter into it and use it for divine service first, on Sunday December 8th, 1889; and on June 3rd, 1891, it was fittingly adorned and so completely furnished as to be presented to the bishop, for consecration to the service and worship of Almighty God, according to the rites and usages of that branch of the church, known in law as the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States of America. From the beginning, this church at Hayts Corners has endeavored to do what every true church of Christ must do. She has endeavored first to bring men, women and children into the Kingdom of Heaven, that they may have a share in all the means of grace which are so graciously appointed for all who will be saved. And, lastly, and above all, she has endeavored to build up all who have become identified with her, in the true faith of Christ. The number that Calvary Church has been the means of baptizing into the Kingdom of Christ, and of God, is eighty-two, and the number that have received here the apostolic rite of confirmation is thirty-six. But the number that are striving to work out their own salvation and who will prove faithful unto death is known only to Him, who "counteth the stars and calleth them all by name, and who holdeth the waters as in the hollow of His hand." When the day of reckoning shall come, may Calvary Church, Hayts Corners, have many jewels in her crown, and each jewel represent a redeemed soul that she has been the means of bringing to the saving knowledge of Christ.

CHRIST PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, WILLARD.

IN 1877, Rev. Charles W. MacNish, who was then chaplain of Willard Asylum, was moved to propose to the people residing in that vicinity, that divine services be held among them, regularly, on each Lord's Day, and offered to minister to them during his leisure time, which offer was most cheerfully accepted. As there was no other convenient place for holding the services, it was arranged to hold them from house to house. the first service having been appointed for January 13th, 1878, at the residence of Thomas



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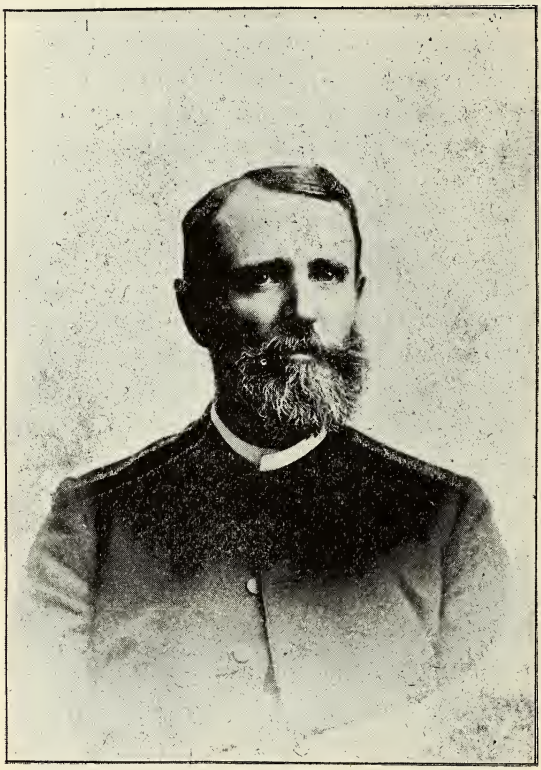
Latimer. A service was held at the time and place appointed, but, strangely enough, the service proved to be the burial service of Mr. and Mrs. Latimer's second son. From this time on, the "cottage services," as they were called, were held quite regularly, until, on the 17th of November following, a class of thirteen was presented to the bishop for confirmation. The services were continued in this way, until, a new public schoolhouse having been built, the first service was held therein November 7th, 1880. On the 8th day of June, 1884, the Rev. Mr. MacNish, to whom, under God, this mission owes its

existence, was compelled to sever his relationship with the mission and confine himself wholly to the duties of chaplain of the asylum. The mission at Willard was then given in charge of the Rev. William E. Allen, the missionary at Romulus, Dey's Landing, and posts adjacent. July 1st, 1885, the Rev. Mr. MacNish, having resigned the chaplaincy of the Asylum, was again given the charge of the Willard mission, and he remains in charge at this date.

With this renewed relationship of pastor and people, the mission at Willard renewed its old-time energy and devotion, and before many months it was visibly manifested that the people would be no longer satisfied without a suitable house of worship. In consequence of this laudable spirit, steps were taken in the spring of 1886 toward the erection of a church edifice. Funds were soon secured to warrant the undertaking, and on the 18th day of June, 1886, the corner stone was laid, and so wonderfully was the work prospered by the Divine Master, that on the 12th day of November, following, the church was suitably consecrated by Bishop Huntington. Many visiting clergy were present and the sermon was preached by the Rev. A. S. Crapsey, rector of St. Andrews' church, Rochester, from Ephesians, v 25. Among the notable events of this church none is more worthy of mention than the fact that among the candidates in the first class for confirmation, was a young man in his teens, who was afterwards called to the sacred ministry of the church; and so, on the 21st day of September, 1892, William Morris Gilbert was ordained by Bishop Huntington to the priesthood, in Christ church, Willard, in the presence of a large and interested congregation, and he is now serving most acceptably as assistant minister of Grace church, Baltimore. The number of persons that have been baptized through the instrumentality of this church is one hundred and seven. The number that have been confirmed is eighty; and this is only the beginning of what, it is hoped, may prove a glorious harvest of souls in that day when Christ shall send forth his angels to gather the faithful into the Heavenly Father's garner.

REV. CHARLES W. MACNISH.

Rev. Charles W. MacNish, missionary in charge of Christ Church, Willard, and Calvary Church, Hayts Corners, was born in Orange county, this State, November 30th, 1844, and was the youngest son of George and Julia MacNish. In the Spring of 1850 his parents moved to Chemung county and located on a farm about two miles northwest of the village of Horseheads, N. Y. He took a partial course in Alfred Academy and University, and



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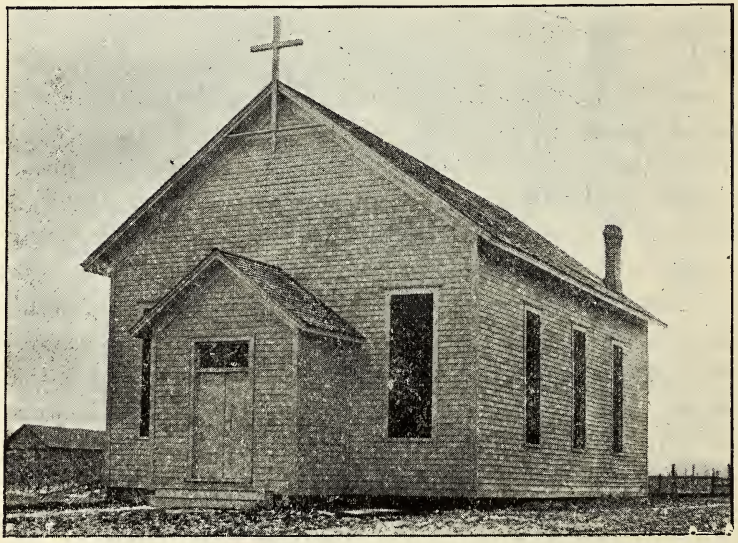
graduated from Eastman's Business College. After following a secular vocation for several years he consecrated himself to the ministry of Christ in the Protestant Episcopal Church. He took the prescribed course in St. Andrew's Divinity school at Syracuse, and was ordained deacon on the 11th of March, 1877, by the Rt. Rev. F. D. Huntington, S. T. D. On the 31st of May, 1881, he was advanced to the order of priesthood in Calvary Church, Syracuse, by Bishop Huntington. Immediately upon his ordination to the deaconate he began the work of the holy calling, as assistant minister of St. Paul's Church, Waterloo. The rector of that parish being also the Chaplain of Willard Asylum, the duties of his assistant were largely to the unfortunate inmates of that institution.

At the beginning of the Advent season of that same year, the Rev. Mr. Doty having accepted the call to the rectorship of Christ Church, Rochester, Rev. Mr. MacNish accepted the appointment of Chaplain at Willard, with the expectation of remaining there no longer than until an opening in some mission field should be presented to him; for it was to this special work that he felt his call to be. But it was not long before he found himself in the midst of a very inviting missionary field. As only one hour of his time was required for the services in the Asylum on Sunday, he felt that he was doing what the Master would have him to do, in ministering to others during his leisure hours. The result was that he started a mission in the vicinity of the Asylum in January, 1878, another one at Dey's Landing in September of the same year, and, after other provision had been made for the mission at Dey's Landing, he found another inviting field at Hayts Corners, where he started a mission in the winter of 1883.

In the summer of 1885, he resigned his position as Chaplain and has since devoted himself more exclusively to the work which has been ever nearest his mind and heart. At each of these three points the missionary has, by the help of the great Missionary, been able to build a neat and commodious church edifice, and at Slaterville Springs, in Tompkins county, this State, the Master has used him in building still another. During his eighteen years ministry, Mr. MacNish has been privileged to baptize three hundred and five souls into the Church of Christ, has presented one hundred and eighty-one candidates to the bishop for confirmation, has solemnized the marriage of forty-one couples, and has read the burial service over the remains of ninety-eight persons .Mr. MacNish has sought out neglected portions of the Master's vineyard. He has preached the gospel to them that had it not, and thus he is able to say as did the Apostle: "Yea, So have I striven to preach the Gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation."

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, ROMULUS.

DURING his ministry at Holy Cross church, Ovid, extending from 1869 to 1870, Rev. James O'Connor, finding the needs of his people to require it, held occasional services in the village of Romulus, finally organizing a congregation and commencing the erection of a house of worship. Rev. Thomas J. O'Connell, who succeeded him in the Ovid parish, prosecuted the work with his accustomed zeal, and, in the autumn of 1887, the church was dedicated under the name of the Sacred Heart Catholic church of Romulus,



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the rite of confirmation being administered to about fifty, on this occasion.

The dedication was by Rt. Rev. B. J. McQuaid, bishop of Rochester diocese. The following priests were also present, Very Rev. James T. McManus, V. G.. Geneva; Rev. M. J. Loughlin, D. D., at St. Mary's, Auburn; Rev. Chas. Horan, Weedsport; Rev. P. F. Lynch, Ithaca; Rev. John J. Hickey, then a student at St. Joseph's seminary, Troy, but now a priest at Lyons, N. Y.; Revs. Thomas A. Hendricks and Eugene Pagani, Rev. Bernard McCool, Seneca Falls.

Sacred Heart church is under the pastoral care of Rev. Thomas J. O'Connell of Ovid parish, who ministers regularly on alternate Sundays. It is continually increasing in strength, and looks forward to the time when it may itself constitute a parish.

ST. STEPHEN'S PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL PARISH, ROMULUS.

IN 1882, there were three communicants of the Episcopal faith living in the village of Romulus. They sent an earnest invitation to Rev. W. E. Allen, (at that time missionary at Dey's Landing and Willowdale), to open service there, and the first meeting was held on advent Sunday of the same year in Lisk & Russel hall. The service was well attended and the numbers increased Sunday after Sunday, until the people began to feel the need of a more suitable place for the worship of God. A subscription was started to

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raise funds for building a church, and the following named gentlemen were chosen by the subscribers to act as building committee: Rev. W. E. Allen, rector in charge, R. M. Steele, C. H. Sayre, Eugene S. Teed, Jesse Yerkes, and George Owens.

Work was begun in the fall of 1883, and the corner stone was laid November 7, of the same year by the bishop. The work went steadily on until the frame was erected, when the building committee found themselves out of funds, and at a loss how to proceed. After carefully considering the matter,

they concluded to proceed with the work, and trust the Giver of all good for means to pay the debt. The first service was held in the church July 8, 1884, and although the church was not finished for some time, yet it has been used ever since.

November 1, 1885, Rev. W. E. Allen resigned, and the bishop appointed William W. Stacey of Geneva, as lay reader, and to assist the people in paying off the debt on the church, but in the midst of his labors, April 3, 1886, the Master called him to other and more blessed realms. In June, 1886, the bishop appointed Rev. J. Foster, of Trumansburg, to take charge of the parish. At that time there was a debt of about $1,200 on the church, but in five months after, the church was presented to the bishop free of debt, and consecrated November 13, 1886. At the consecration many beautiful articles of chancel furniture were presented by the Stacey family of Geneva in memory of W.W. Stacey. In the summer of 1887, the church was presented with a fine eight hundred pound bell by Mrs. W. O. Gurnel of New York, in memory of her sister, Delia Coe. The church is now completely and neatly furnished and free from debt. A number of different pastors served from the time Mr. Foster resigned, until 1893, when Herbert H. Fox, a student of Hobart College, was appointed as lay reader, which position he still holds.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR, HAYTS CORNERS.

The Young People's Union Society of Christian Endeavor of Hayts Corners, was organized through the efforts and under the direction of Rev. J. W. Jacks, July 1, 1890. Mr. J. C. Howard was elected first president, and about twenty-five members signed the constitution. As there was no church with which the society could be connected, its work was carried on under difficulties that ordinary young people's societies do not encounter. But its members were inspired with Christian zeal and indefatiguable energy. Principally through their efforts, a sabbath school and preaching service has been maintained, though without a settled pastorate of any denomination.

ENDEAVOR TEMPLE.

In 1893, the work had increased to such an extent that it seemed advisable to own a house of worship. Accordingly, the society was legallyincorporated under the laws of the State, as the Young People's Union Society of Christian Endeavor of Hayts Corners. A site was purchased and a building erected which is known as the Endeavor Temple. Aside from the Christian Endeavor meetings it is open for Union Service, and its pulpit is supplied regularly by adjacent ministers of the Baptist, Methodist Episcopal and Presbyterian churches, to one or the other of which denominations many of the society members belong. The Temple is but just finished and with its occupancy the society enters upon what is hoped may prove to be a new era of prosperity and usefulness.

TOWN OF VARICK.

FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF VARICK.

IN THE year 1812, Mr. McDuffie, Sr., and family, emigrated from New Jersey to Seneca county, N. Y. The old gentleman was a good Christian. Under his judicious care, one of the sons, Robert McDuffie, was convinced of the Christian faith and experienced religion. Robert was thoroughly in earnest, and, with the help of Mrs. Barney Christopher, succeeded in organizing a Sunday prayer meeting, held at his house. It was a log building, but served their purpose. Soon the people gathered in such numbers that they were obliged to adjourn to the schoolhouse. Rev. Owens was the first minister to preach in this vicinity. He, a strong believer, with the assistance of Robert McDuffie, succeeded in starting a revival that lasted, with short intermissions, for three years. John Rhodes and Daniel Barnes soon came on this circuit; Adgate, Dodson and others followed. At this time, the society was part of Seneca circuit, a charge extending from the north bounds of Seneca county to the present county of Chemung, and embracing all the territory between Seneca and Cayuga lakes. By the Quarterly Conference held at Hector, about the year 1820, Robert McDuffie and John Odell were licensed to exhort. Robert was a powerful speaker and labored with one purpose in view, the salvation of souls. Quarterly meetings were held in his barn. The congregations were getting so large that it became necessary to secure a larger and more commodious building. Accordingly, through the efforts of Samuel Baley, John Barrick, James McDuffie, John Blaine, and others, with Robert McDuffie as leader, there was raised by subscription, $200

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in cash and lumber enough to build a church. Rev. Parmer Roberts, a man of energy, was minister at this time. He encouraged his people, and the work of constructing a church upon the corner of Mr. I. Phillips' farm began in 1830, under carpenters, C. Dean and W. King. The land was deeded by Mr. Phillips to the M. E. society, to be used for church purposes. The next year, in June, the building was completed and dedicated by Rev. John Copeland.

Rev. John Mandival conducted a great revival in 1837. About sixty conversions were claimed. The second great revival occurred under Rev. J. Shaw in 1847. Evangelist S. C. Adams worked in these meetings with great success. The people assembled in such numbers that it became necessary to remodel the old church. Rev. John Day, the minister, proposed the scheme of rebuilding. John Thompson, the class leader, Thomas Burroughs, James McDuffie, L. G. King and others, became interested in the plan. In 1857, a contract was executed with carpenter Elmore to rebuild the church for the sum of $1,000. During the course of construction the people decided to have an extension of ten feet to the north. Accordingly, $200 more was raised for this purpose. The third great revival was held by Rev. A. N. DePew. The church had now reached its greatest prosperity. Mr. DePew was an energetic speaker, and labored with his people with great success for three years. Rev. Hughston conducted a series of meetings in 1875. Rev. Hoxie followed Hughston, and like his predecessor, held a great revival in 1877. He was a strong man and when horses were not available, would walk the entire circuit.

In 1878, the Rev. John Day returned to this charge. He found the remodeled church in a dilapidated condition, and made a strong effort to build a new one, but in vain, although he awakened a desire which bore fruit under the pastorate of Rev. E. B. Stull. The entire community, including outsiders, gave liberally for the cause. John V. Crane, D. C. Burroughs, John Warne, Isaac Manee and R. P. Roberts, were some of the strong workers. Through their efforts and with the help of others, a large subscription was raised, the contract was let and the work begun, 1883, and the church dedicated in February, 1884. The cost of this building was about $3,000. The M. E. society of Seneca Falls having received a larger bell, resolved to give their old one to some sister church. Harmon McDuffie, being a member of that church, and remembering the church of his Christian father, Robert McDuffie, interceded in behalf of the McDuffietown church. His request was seconded by Dr. A. Emens, formerly of Varick, and the bell was so donated. S. H. McDuffie, a grandson of Robert McDuffie, brought the bell from Seneca Falls to this place, and its clear, silvery tones call our people to worship in their beautiful house. The church lately suffered great loss in the removal of John Funnell in 1892, and the death of Levi Ritter in 1893. Both were earnest Christians and faithful workers.

SECOND METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF VARICK.

ABOUT the year 1820, while the township of Romulus still included the present towns of Varick and Fayette, the Baptist church of Romulus, which still flourishes in the western part of that present town, and which, at that time, was closing the first quarter of a century of its existence, formed an auxiliary society in the eastern part of the town, where is now the postoffice

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of Fayette and the village of Bearytown. This society flourished for a quarter of a century, and, in 1845, was incorporated as "The First Baptist church and Society of Fayette." It built a house of worship, but, as the years went by, Baptist interests centered more and more in the western part of the town, and deaths, removals and marriages, depleted the membership at Bearytown. In the meantime, the growing M. E. church at McDuffietown had many members in this vicinity, and a class was formed and service held with more or less regularity.

Finally, February 19, 1859, the First Baptist church and society of Fayette, deeded its church property to the First Methodist Episcopal church of Varick, this being the McDuffietown M. E. Church. On May 2, 1859, the

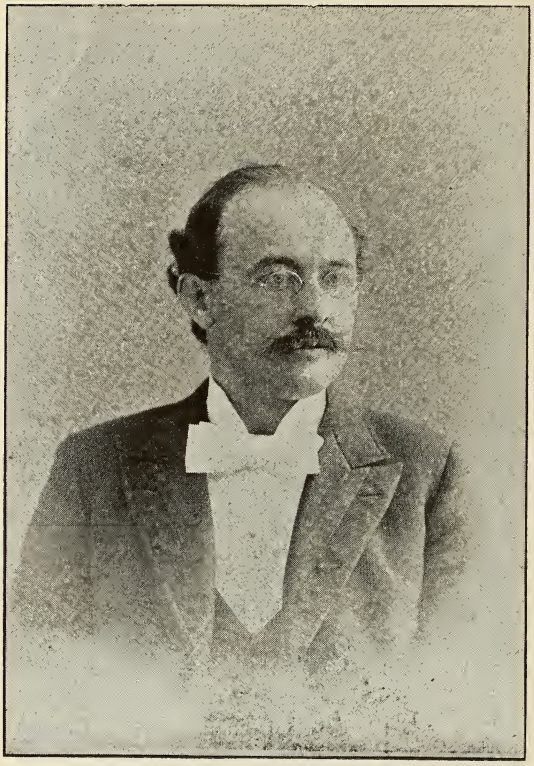
Second Methodist Episcopal Church of Varick was organized, the following being its first board of trustees: James H. McDuffie, Enoch Emens, John J. Bachman, N. Robinson, Henry Wakeman, Abram Flickinger and Dr. Alfred Emens. The church edifice was repaired in 1882 at a cost of $4,500. A debt of $1,600 remained on it until 1891, when it was extinguished during the pastorate of the Rev. Levi Bird.

This church has been served by pastors, sometimes alone and sometimes in connection with its mother church at McDuffietown. At present it forms part of a circuit with Canoga and McDuffietown, or East Varick churches. The following is a list of its pastors: G. A. Warburton, H. G. T. Mitchell, G. W. Loomis, Henry Hoffmire, O. W. Webster, L. Northway, Horatio Yates, James A. Roberts, Walter Statham, Levi Bird, W. E. Rippey, H. W. Sanford, L. P. Kartsholtzer.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

J. W. Hendricks
Enoch Emens
Fred S. Emens
J. J. Bachman
Elizabeth Bachman
Ella Kuney
Sarah Burroughs
Mrs. Jerry Burroughs
Charles McMillen
Charlotte McMillen
F. Willard McMillen
Mr . Facer
Mary Post
Mrs. Josiah Reed
Sarah Frazee
Daniel Deal
Mrs. Daniel Deal
Eli F. Deal
Elizabeth Keneda
C. M. Robinson
Mary Lambert
J. H. McDuffie
Mrs. N. Robinson
Libbie Robinson
Peter Deal
Amanda Deal
Sarah Howell
Mrs. M. F. Robinson
Grace Robinson
Mary Bauer
Mrs. F. Sanders
David Berger
George Swartz
Laura Swartz
John Zimmer
Harriet Zimmer
George Morris
Mrs. George Morris
George Ogden
Elma Ogden

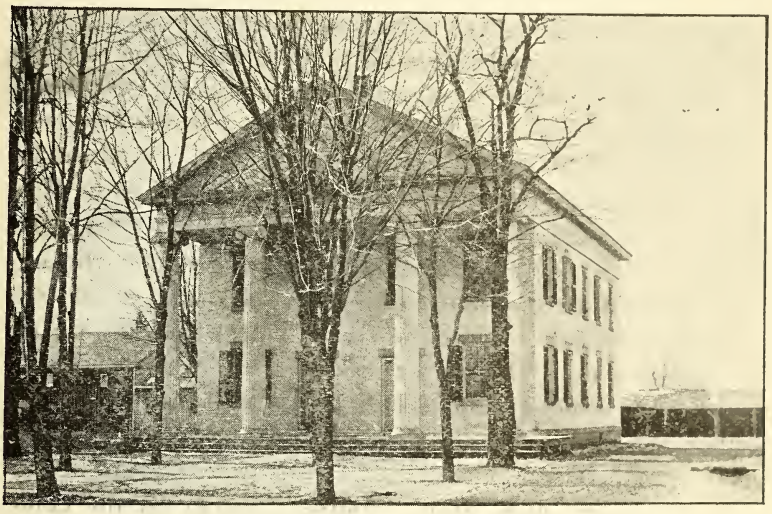
REV. L. P. KARTSHOLTZEN.



Rev. L. P. Kartsholtzen, the last pastor who supplied the pulpit of the Second Methodist Episcopal church of Varick, before its union with Canoga and East Varick, is a native of Pennsylvania. When assigned to the Canoga and East Varick circuit in the Fall of 1894, he had been four years in the ministry. The Second Varick church, at Bearytown, being left by the Conference "to be supplied," the presiding elder assigned Mr. Kartsholtzen to the pulpit. His work was very acceptable, and he made many warm friends, while infusing the spirit of Christian enthusiasm and energy into the members. His sermons were interesting and instructive and his pastorial work effective. In 1895, he was assigned by Conference to Odessa, Schuyler County, which church he is now serving.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ROMULUS.

JOHN FLEMING removed to this town from Pennsylvania in 1790. Then there were only ten or twelve white families between the Lakes. He was a man of exemplary piety, and with him the religious history of the town commenced. His home was the home of the missionary, the place of public worship. Soon the Dunlaps, Wilsons, and Wartons, settled a little southwest of Ovid village, and the McKnights, McMaths, Lowdens, and



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Barrs, came in from Pennsylvania, and settled on the shores of Seneca Lake. These were all strong Presbyterians. The first Presbyterian minister who came here was Rev. Daniel Thatcher, of Virginia, sent out by the General Assembly of 1795. He collected the people in 1796 and formed a Presbyterian church. John Fleming, Alla McMath, Henry Warton and a gentleman from Ovid were the first elders. They enjoyed at least one communion. The wine was obtained from Geneva, but it having no color, the merchant told the purchaser to color it with the juice of wild grapes, so plenty in the woods. Missionary John Lindsley came in 1800, sent out by the General Assembly, also Licentiates, Slemmons and Patterson in 1798, and Rev. Robert Logan in 1799; also, Revs. TenEyck and Brokaw of the Reformed Church.

The present Presbyterian Church of Romulus was organized April 4th, 1802, by Rev. Jedediah Chapman, who also organized the First Presbyterian Church of Geneva, also the Ovid church in 1803. This is the oldest Presbyterian organization in the county of Seneca. At its origin it was connected with the Synod of Albany. The church was organized in the old red house on the Depew farm, a mile south of the village. The house long stood as a land mark, and was only recently demolished. There were fourteen members, viz: Alla McMath, Jesse Brewster, Henry Beers, Peter Huff, Frederick

Boganoar, James McKnight, Alche Huff, Elizabeth VanCourt, Catharine Stottle, Sarah Karr, Mabel McMath, Hannah McKnight, James McKnight, and Rachel Brewster. Alla McMath, Henry Beers, and Jesse Brewster were ordained elders. This church was one of the constituent members of the Presbytery of Geneva at its first meeting, September 17, 1805. The society was incorporated April 6, 1807. John Fleming, Jr., Henry Gardner, Samuel McMath, Silas Allen, John Terhune and Jacob Lowden were the first trustees. From 1802 to 1807, there were occasional services held in private houses, barns and school houses. In the absence of a pastor, sermons were read. Many dated their conversion to the occasional visits of the missionary.

August 18th, 1807, Presbytery convened to ordain and install Rev. Charles Mosher. The services were held in the grove near the old red house. Having no temple made with hands, the solemn stillness of the forest was broken by the voice of prayer uttering the words of consecration. The church then had only twenty-seven members, and these very poor. Still, Mr. Mosher was settled on a salary of $300, and the original owner of the section appropriated one hundred acres of land to the first settled minister of this church, and it fell to Mr. Mosher. When he came, efforts were made to build a church, but it was not until October 22, 1809, that it was dedicated. It was situated near the old cemetery, on a bleak hill side. Foot stoves were used in cold weather, the women wore thick woolen hoods and the men large red handkerchiefs during service. When bitterly cold, services were held at Henry Depue's, whose daughter, Mrs. Mary Monroe, lived to see the centennial of the organization of this town. June 18, 1809, it is recorded, "$1.48 was collected for the education of poor but pious youth for the ministry." In 1810, the sexton was to have seven dollars a year to take care of the meeting house which "he was to wash twice a year, and to sweep it once a month." During the seven years of Mr. Mosher's ministry, one hundred and ten were added to the church, mostly converted under his preaching. Mr. Mosher was well educated, better than most of the ministers of that day. The cause which led to his dismission was found in the war of 1812; horsemen were riding through the country, rousing the people to guard themselves against the British and the Indians. An ardent Federalist, he preached against the government for continuing the war. The people were excited and carried the matter too far; for, as they left the church, the expression "Tory doctrine!" "Tory doctrine!" was heard on all sides. Both sides were hasty, some of his warm friends turned against him and he resigned. After leaving here, he faithfully served the churches of Genoa, Clyde, Junius, and Oak's Corners. While at Junius he was invited to preach in Elmira and undertook the journey on horseback. On the way he was overtaken by a terrible rain storm and could find no shelter until he reached Irelandville, near Watkins, where he dried his clothes and spent the night. He contracted a severe cold that developed into pneumonia, which ended his life in five days; he died November 5, 1828.

None of his family could reach there until after his decease. He was buried near the place of his death.

The next year, 1815, Rev. Moses Young of New Jersey, was ordained and installed pastor. For nine years he was the devoted pastor, until his death in 1824. This was his first and only settlement. During his ministry two hundred and thirty-one united with the church. In 1823, occurred the greatest revival this church ever saw. During his pastorate, communion seasons were regularly appointed, the Sabbath school was instituted, and the social meeting of the church, has ever since been held on Friday evening in honor of his memory, his death occurring on that day of the week. Rev. Morris Barton was ordained and installed, December 21, 1825. This was his only pastorate and it continued a little over twenty years. During this period three hundred and twenty-four were added to the church, four revivals being enjoyed, viz.: In 1826, 1831, 1836 and 1842. During this pastorate the present church edifice was built, being dedicated in February, 1838. The total cost reached nearly $6,000. Mr. Barton resigned in February, 1846, and dwelt in this region until his death, February 13, 1857. Rev. Edward Lord commenced his labors here, soon after Mr. Barton resigned, and was ordained and installed pastor, October 20, 1847. He labored here about five and one-half years and received fifty-nine into the church. He was followed by Rev. Peter S. Van Nest, D. D., who labored three years, and nine then united with the church. During his pastorate, the parsonage was built, and he was the first occupant. He was succeeded by Rev. Joseph Rosenkrans, who ministered to the people five years, and admitted forty-eight into the church. One precious revival was enjoyed in 1858. Rev. Charles B. Dye was installed July 1, 1862, and remained two and one-half years and received eleven into the church. Rev. James C. Smith commenced his labors in 1865, and continued until 1869. He died March 24, 1876. There were nineteen additions to the church. Rev. William A. Simkins succeeded and continued here two years and three months. During the time twenty-eight united with the church. The tenth pastor, Rev. J. Wilford Jacks, commenced his services here, May 1, 1872, and was ordained and installed August 27th of the same year. During this pastorate three hundred and thirty have been received into the church. During the same period many improvements have been made to the church property, its interior has been remodelled, furnaces introduced, walks and grounds improved, and a neat and commodious chapel has been erected and furnished.

The pulpit of this church has never been long vacant, and during the entire period of its existence, over ninety-four years, it has only had ten pastors and six of them were ordained and commenced their ministry here. It has had ten pastors, forty-one elders, fifteen deacons, ninety-six trustees, and over twelve hundred members. This church has had much to do with the history of this town, and many strong men have been enrolled in its eldership·

The names of the Flemings, the Marvins, Whitehead, Doremus, Conkling, Garrigus, Baldridge, Wade, Pruden, Smith, Gurnee, Brown, Pinkerton,Ogden, Covert, Smalley, Swezy, and Hunt would be a credit to any church in the land, and many other names that appear in the annals of the congregation will not perish. This church has furnished many ministers of the gospel. Rev. Messrs. William Bridgman, Elihu Marvin, Charles C. Carr, Samuel S. Fleming, Francis Hendricks, Peter W. Emens, Isaac Jacobus, H. Bradley Sayre, and Walter S. Peterson were also here ordained. The officers of the church are: Elders, Daniel D. Johnson, Isaiah W. Smith, Peter Wyckoff, Lyman E. Jacobus, William A. Warne, John V. R. Clark, Andrew S. Long, Luther S. Vail, Frank S. Adair; Deacons, David R. Ambrose, Clinton A. Warne, LeRoy C. Warne; Trustees, Andrew S. Long, Amos P. Miller, Luther S. Vail, John V. R. Clark, Frank S. Adair, Sherman R. Kunes; Chorister, Pierson Jacobus; Organist, Mrs. L. E. Jacobus; Sexton, Henry M. Burton.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

Abbott, William C.
Adair, Eliza A. Mrs.
Adair, Frank S.
Adair, Frank S. Mrs.
Allen, Martin L.
Allen, Martin L. Mrs.
Allen, Mary Mrs.
Ambrose, David R.
Ayres, Belle Mrs.
Ayres, Henry V. L. Mrs.
Baldridge, Charles Mrs.
Baldridge, James
Ball, Louisa Mrs.
Beaver, Emma F.
Beaver, Edith M.
Blaine, Amanda Mrs.
Blaine, Angeline Mrs.
Blaine, Millard F.
Bolander, Henry
Bolander, Henry Mrs.
Bow, John W.
Bow, John W. Mrs.
Brasington, Edward Mrs.
Brown, Elvira Mrs.
Brown, Henrietta Mrs.
Brown, Morris R.
Bryant, John Mrs.
Bryant, Pamela
Bryant, Helen
Bryant, Sarah
Bunn, Albert Mrs.
Burk, William H.
Burk, William H. Mrs.
Burroughs, C. C. Mrs.
Burton, Delia Mrs.
Clark, John V. R.
Clark, John V. R. Mrs.
Combs, Emma E. Mrs.
Conley, Ira D.
Conley, Ira D. Mrs.
Conley, Locelia T.
Cooley, Angeline Mrs.
Coryell, John H. Mrs.
Coshun, Charles F.
Covert, Ann Mrs.
Dart, George Mrs.
Dean, Elizabeth
Delanoy, Leander Mrs.
Dodge, Etta
Dodge, Minnie
Doremus, Hannah Mrs.
Doremus, Sarah
Doremus, Franklin Mrs.
Doremus, Stephen Mrs.
Doughty, Josephine
Doughty, Phebe M. Mrs.
Everett, Ann Mrs.
Everett, Delia Mrs.
Everett, Elizabeth Mrs.
Everett, Irvin C. Mrs.
Everts, D. F. Mrs. Dr.
Everts, Corna M.
Flood, Annetta Mrs.
Gable, Ernest
Gable, Mary J.
Gable, William J.
Gambee, John Y.
Gambee, John Y. Mrs.
Gambee, J. Frank
Gambee, J. Frank Mrs.
Gambee, Emma L.
Gamber, Jane Mrs.
Gamber, Lydia A.
Gamber, Sarah Y.
Gibson, Robert Mrs.
Giddings, Elizabeth Mrs.
Godley, Alice
Godley, Lillian Mrs.
Gohring, Rose M.
Gosmer, Matilda
Gray, Edward D.
Gray, Edward D. Mrs.
Guerin, George W.
Hagerty, Jacob E.
Hagerty, Jacob E. Mrs.
Hancy, Mary A. Mrs.
Hancy, William B.
Hancy, William B. Mrs.
Hannah, Emma
Henry, Hermon Mrs.
Hicks, George
Hicks, George Mrs.
Hicks, Sarah A.
Hicks, William A.
Hicks, John G.
Hilkert, Ardelia Mrs.

Hilkert, Maria Mrs.
Hilkert, Samuel Mrs.
Hinhley, Jane Mrs.
Hoaglin, Calvin Mrs.
Hunt, Fidelia Mrs.
Hunt, Wilson G.
Irland, Seymour Mrs.
Jacobus, Lyman E.
Jacobus, Lyman E. Mrs.
Jacobus, Charles H.
Jacobus, Pierson
Jacobus, Emma
Jacobus, Anna Elizabeth
Johnson, Daniel D.
Johnson, Daniel D. Mrs.
Johnson, Rebecca
Johnson, Anna
Johnson, Sarah
Keeler, F. J. Mrs.
Kelley, Orlando
Kelley, Orlando Mrs.
King, Clarence W.
King, Clarence W. Mrs.
Kinne, Mary Mrs.
Kunes, Sherman R. Mrs.
Kunes, Sherman R.
La Boyteaux, Morgan W.
Lambert, G. Frank
Lambert, G. Frank Mrs.
Landis, Lorenzo
Lane, Helen M. Mrs.
Lane, Thaddeus A.
Lane, Thaddeus A. Mrs.
La Tourrette, Peter
La Tourrette, Peter Mrs.
Lisk, John
Lisk, George I.
Lisk, George I. Mrs.
Lisk. Harriet Mrs.
Lisk, Fred C.
Lisk, Fred C. Mrs.
Lisk, William H.
Lisk, W. Leonard
Lisk, W. Leonard Mrs.
Lisk, Sarah J.
Lisk, John B.
Lisk, C. Wilford
Litzenberger, Levi S.
Litzenberger, Levi S. Mrs.
Litzenburger, Netta M.
Long, Andrew, S.
Long, Andrew S. Mrs.
Long, Isabella Mrs.
Look, J. Q. Mrs.
Lyman, Bridget A.
Lynch, Addie Mrs.
Lyon, Ann E.
Manee, William Mrs.
Manee, Eva L.
Mann, Ella
Mann, Louisa
Matthews, Frank Mrs.
Matthews, Mary J.
Mc Knight Anna E.
Mc Lafferty, Alton
Mc Lafferty, Alton Mrs.
McMillen, William E.
McMillen, William E. Mrs.
Metcalf, James L.
Metcalf, Thomas J. Mrs.
Monroe, Mary Mrs.
Monroe, David Mrs.
Monroe, John
Monroe, John Mrs.
Mooney, Eliza J. Mrs.
Mooney, Eliza
Mooney, Sarah Jane
Mundy, Addie
Munson, Belden S.
Munson, Ira A.
Munson, Ira A. Mrs.
Pinneer, Edward Mrs.
Post, Monroe Mrs.
Robinson, C. Arthur
Sayre, Charles H. Mrs.
Sayre, Frank M.
Sayre, Ida M. Mrs.
Selmser, Luther Mrs.
Sharp, Charles
Sharp, Ellen Mrs.
Sharp, Orpha
Sharp, Theron Sr.
Sharp, Theron Sr. Mrs.
Sharp, Myron W.
Sharp, Myron W. Mrs.
Sharp, J. Fletcher
Sharp, P. Gertrude
Sharp, Theron Jr.
Sigfried, George W. Mrs.
Smith, Isaiah W.
Smith, Isaiah W. Mrs.
Smith, Emily N.
Smith, J. Floyd
Smith, John G.
Smith, John W. Mrs.
Smith, Lewis E.
Smith, Stephen Mrs.
Sniffin, Frank L. Mrs.
Snook. Angeline Mrs.
Snook, John W. Mrs.
Snook, Fred G.
Soule, Clarence A. Mrs.
Steele, John R.
Steele, John R. Mrs.
Steele, S. Louise
Steele, Mary Mrs.
Steele, Sarah Mrs.
Steele Nellie C.
Sterling, Caroline Mrs.
Sullivan, Frank B.
Sullivan, Lavina Mrs.
Sutton, Benjamin F.
Swezey, Eliza Mrs.
Terry, Benjamin Mrs.
Tobias, Edward C.
Tobias, Edward C. Mrs.
Tobias, Martha W.
Townley, Herman S.
Townley, Herman S. Mrs.
Townley, M. Catharine
Townley, M. Elnora
Townley, Theodore A.
Updike, John P. Mrs.
Updike, Sarah Mrs.
Vail, Charles M.
Vail, Charles M. Mrs.
Vail, Luther S.
Vail, Luther S. Mrs.
Vail, Nellie D.
Vail, Mary E.
VanNostran, Abram
VanNostran, Abram Mrs.
VanNostran, Charles A.
VanNostran, Hattie
VanNostrand, Fred Mrs.
VanNostrand, Morgan Mrs.
VanNostrand, Rachael Mrs.
VanNostrand, V. D. Mrs.
VanTreese, William
Vreeland, Emma E.
Vreeland, Elnora
Warne, Clarkson
Warne, Clarkson Mrs.

Warne, Clinton A.
Warne, Clinton A. Mrs.
Warne, John
Warne, Leroy C.
Warne, Leroy C. Mrs.
Warne, Morris Mrs.
Warne, William A.
Warne, William A. Mrs.
Warne, Wirt W.
Warne, Wirt W. Mrs.
West, Isaac L.
West, Isaac L. Mrs.
Wilkins, William L.
Williams, John P. Mrs.
Wilson, Nellie C.
Wyckoff, Peter
Wyckoff, Peter Mrs.
Wyckoff, Carrie E.
Yakeley, Anna Belle
Yakeley, Catharine
Yakeley, Charles Mrs.
Yakeley, Lillian
Yerkes, Barnum
Yerkes, Claribel
Yerkes, Inez L.
Yerkes, Jesse Mrs.
Yerkes, Josiah Mrs.
Young, Harvey N. Mrs.
Young, Richard G.

REV. J. WILFORD JACKS.

Rev. J. Wilford Jacks, pastor of the First Presbyterian congregation of Romulus, was born in Batavia, N. Y., the eldest child of James C. and Josephine B. Jacks. He was prepared for college at the academy in that town, after which he entered Hamilton college and graduated from that institution. In a class of thirty-five men, the third honor, the philosophical oration, was awarded to him. Graduating from college at too early an age to enter at once on professional study, he taught two years in Lowville academy and Whitestown seminary, and then he entered Auburn Theological seminary, taking the full course. During the vacations which intervened between the years of study, he supplied the churches of Pavilion, Barre and Jamesville, N. Y., each for several months. In May, 1872, he accepted a call to the pastorate of the Presbyterian church of Romulus, where he was ordained and installed in August of the same year, and where he has since remained.

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Besides his pastorate, he has been for ten years stated clerk of the Presbytery of Geneva and for thirteen years permanent clerk of the Synod of New York. He is a member of the Psi charge of Theta Delta Chi, also of the Phi Beta Kappa, the scholarship society of the country. He is also a trustee of the Presbytery and the synod, and a member of the board of examiners of Elmira college.

ST. ANDREW'S PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, DEY'S LANDING.

ON THE east shore of Seneca lake, about ten miles from Geneva, stands a beautiful little structure known by the above name. Although a few services had previously been held in this neighborhood, yet the Episcopal Church had found no real growth or permanancy here until the Autumn of 1878. September 8th of that year, the Rev. Charles W. Mac Nish, who was then Chaplain of Willard Asylum, began regular services in the school house at that place, and much interest was manifested from the first.

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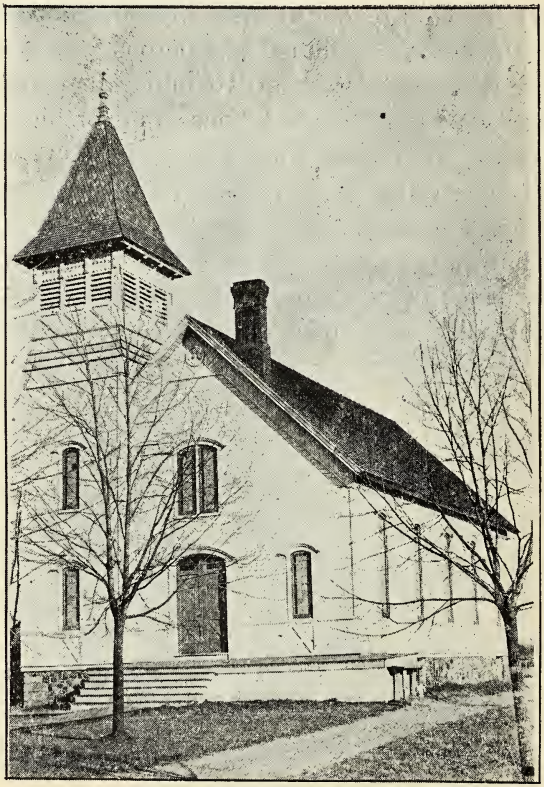
The first apparent fruits of the missionary's efforts was the gathering into the fold of Christ, of a young girl who had been ill for several months, and who was waiting for the consolation of Christ. September 15th, she rejoiced in the Lord in that she was baptized into Christ, and on the 6th of October following she "fell asleep in Jesus." So great was the interest manifested in things spiritual and so largely were the services attended, that the school house was soon found too small to accomodate those who were attracted by the beautiful ritual of the Episcopal Church.

In the Summer of 1879, ground was broken for the foundation of a church

structure, the corner stone of which was laid by the Rt. Rev. T. D. Huntington, S. T .D., bishop ot the diocese, in the presence of a large assemblage. The beautiful structure was completed, paid for, and consecrated to the worship of Almighty God, according to the rites and ceremonies of the Protestant Episcopal Church, by Bishop Huntington, on the 22nd of June, 1880, A. D. After three years of faithful service in this mission field, and after much fruits of his labors had been gathered in, the Rev. Mr. Mac Nish, having been obliged to move to Ovid in order to be within calling distance of his increasing labors at Willard Asylum, severed his relationship with St. Andrews Church, Dey's Landing. Within a few months, the Rev. William E. Allen was appointed missionary in charge of this field in connection with Grace Church, Willowdale, and the work continued prosperous. It was during his ministrations in this cure that the mission at Romulus was planted, which has since grown into a church, with a beautiful house of worship, and an earnest and devout congregation. After about three years, the Rev. Mr. Allen was called to another field of labor, the Rev. John U. Graff was appointed in charge of St. Andrew's Church, in connection with St. Stephen's Church, Romulus. Mr. Graf served faithfully to these flocks of the Good Shepherd until he was called elsewhere, since which time, St. Andrew's Church has been severed from Geneva, principally, in connection with Grace Church, Willowdale.

FIRST WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH OF VARICK.

THE First Wesleyan Methodist church of Varick, was the outgrowth of a series of revival meetings, held in the Ludlum schoolhouse. The Rev. L. N. Stratton, then Editor of the Wesleyan Methodist, published at Syracuse, preached his first sermon at the schoolhouse, August 20th, 1876. A weekly prayer meeting was commenced soon after, with few persons to take part. Mr. Stratton came on Saturday every two weeks, preaching Saturday evening and Sabbath afternoon. The last week in October he held meetings



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each evening during the week and the Rev. J. M. Swick eontinued the meetings the following week, the interest steadily increasing. Revs. L. N. Stratton, and E. F. Lyon, with their wives, came and labored for two weeks more, preaching each evening and Sabbath mornings often more in attendance, than could gain admittance into the schoolhouse.

As a result of these meetings, there were over fifty hopeful conversions, aside from a deep spiritual awakening throughout the entire community. Saturday, January 6, 1877, a meeting was held at the schoolhouse, and the First Wesleyan Methodist Church of Varick was organized, according to the usage

of the Discipline, by the Rev. L. N. Stratton, with eleven charter members, to whom was given the right hand of fellowship. Seven of these members are still living, and continue their membership in the church. At the same meeting, fifteen were received on probation; the Rev. E. F. Lyon was chosen pastor until the meeting of the Rochester Conference in April following. At a special meeting of the church, held March 26th, 1877, the Rev. L. N. Stratton was unanimously chosen pastor for the coming conference year, and held the pastorate of the church for two years.

In April, 1877, a movement was started for the building of a church edifice. May 12th, the pastor presented to the trustees and building committee plans of the present church edifice. A site was procured, and the work of building commenced. The church was enclosed and so far completed, that the religious services were held in it, beginning January 6, 1878, and continued to be held therein during the winter and until the resuming of work on the building, the following summer. The church was completed. and the dedication of the same, took place October 24, 1878, with no debt on the church property. The Rev. L. N. Stratton closed a successful pastorate in April, 1879. During this time his home was in Syracuse, and he was continued as Editor of the Wesleyan Methodist,by the General Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. The church having extended a call to the Rev. R. E. Salisbury of the Syracuse Conference to become their pastor, he commenced his labors the first Sabbath in May, 1879, and continued his pastoral relations with the church until April, 1882. The Rev. J. H. Cook of the Rochester Conference having received a call to the pastorate, commenced his labors the first Sabbath in May, 1882, and was continued as pastor for six years. It was during the first year of his pastorate, that a convenient parsonage was built and added to the church property. The Rev. T. S. Lee of the Illinois Conference, was next called to the pastorate of the church, and held such relation for two years, closing his labors in April, 1890. This was Brother Lee's first pastorate, and he was succeeded by the Rev. G. L. Paine, one of the oldest ministers of the Rochester Conference, who labored faithfully for two years, being his last ministerial work. In May, 1892, Rev. R. McConnell, a licentiate from the Lockport Conference, assumed the pastorate of the church, holding such relation until September, 1892, when he resigned on account of poor health. The remainder of the conference year, the church was served by Rev. J. H. Cook as pastoral supply, closing his labors in April, 1893. The Rev. M. D. Washburton, a licentiate in the Rochester Conference, followed in pastoral succession, commencing his labors in May, 1894, and closing them in March, 1895. The Rev. J. H. Cook was again called to the pastorate, and began his labors in such relation in May, 1895, and is the present pastor of the church. The religious services of the church have been regularly maintained since its organization. Services on the Sabbath at 10:30 A. M., Sabbath school immediately following, and service again in the evening.

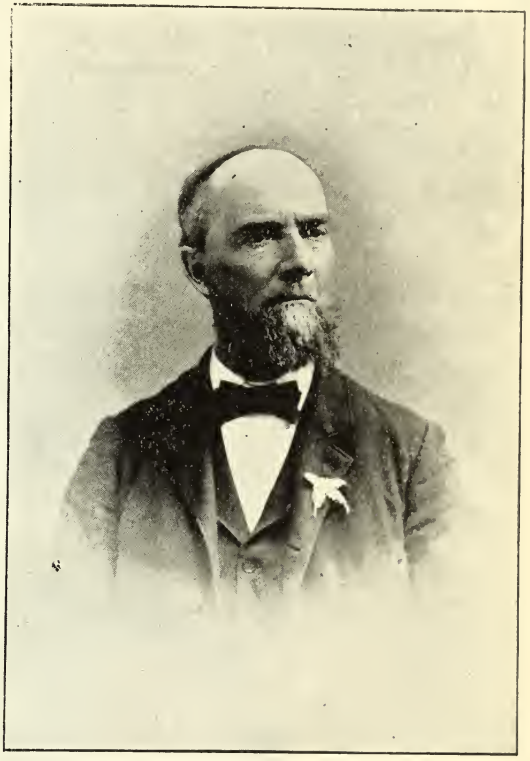
There are two meetings during the week: the Thursday evening prayer meeting, and a class meeting on Tuesday evening, held at different homes in the community—with the exception of the first Tuesday evening of each month when it is held at the church, followed by a monthly meeting for the business transactions of the church. The following are the officers of the church: Joseph H. Cook, pastor; Hervey Baldridge, Jacob Post, James Dart, trustees; Hervey Baldridge, Jacob Post, Isaac V. Adair, John Bonard, stewards.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

Jacob Post
Margaret Post
Catharine Nuhn
Leander Osborne
Jane Osborne
Jane E. Dart
Olive B. Dart
Nancy M. Metcalf
Hervey Baldridge
Suessa B. Blaine
Monroe J. Post
Elizabeth Kuns
Helen A. Mann
Henry Nuhn
Charles Nuhn
John Nuhn
George A. Lynd
Robert Osborne
Anna C. Osborne
Irene Mann
Joseph H. Cook
Abigail T. Cook
George A. Post
George Nuhn
Mary Belle Birdsell
Raymond Baldridge
Harrison Baldridge
Edith B. Cook
John Bonard
Mary Bonard
Katie Bell
Minnie Nuhn
Isaac V. Adair
Mary P. Baldridge

REV. JOSEPH H. COOK.

Joseph H. Cook, present pastor of the First Wesleyan Methodist Church of Varick, was the son of Edward W. and Philena F. Cook. His father was a physician, and in 1834 removed from the State of New York to Michigan, where the subject of this sketch was born June 29th, 1837. His father died in May 1853, and with his mother he returned to Naples, Ontario county, N. Y. Two years were spent with an uncle, in Durham, Greene county. While here he was converted. In 1860 he married Miss Abbie T. Lincoln, and took up his residence in the town of South Bristol, teaching the winter term of the district school, preaching as opportunity presented itself, and pursuing the course of study prescribed for candidates for the ministry. At the Rochester Conference, April, 1874, he was ordained to the ministry, and continued his labors on South Bristol charge. In 1876, South Bristol, Naples and Sant Hill charges were united, and he continued as pastor of the entire work until April, 1877, when he was called to Haskinville, where he remained till April, 1881. In May, 1881, by request of the conference he went to Farmington to look after the work on Farmington and Hopewell charges.



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In May, 1882, in response to a call from the First Wesleyan Methodist Church of Varick, he commenced his labors as pastor, and continued in such relationship with the church for six years. At the close of this pastorate, he settled on a small farm in the town of Varick, where he has since resided, being identified with the church in the various departments of its work. Sabbath, April 26th, 1895, having again accepted a call from the church, commenced his labors as its pastor. Aside from pastoral work, he has been identified with the Rochester Conference of which he is a member in various ways, being its present secretary, and having served as such for twenty consecutive years. He has twice represented his conference as one of the ministerial delegates to the general conference.

TOWN OF FAYETTE.

EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION BURGH CHURCH.

CENTRAL Pennsylvania Conference, Williamsport, Pa., district, Seneca station, Seneca county, N. Y., locally known as "The Burgh" church, was organized in 1816, by the Rev. Jacob Klemfelter. It was then called the Lake mission, Canaan district, Rev. John Dreisbech, presiding elder. The plan adopted was preaching from house to house and holding camp meetings. Many were converted and added to the church. The

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following are the pastors who served the society the first eighteen years: Rev. Jacob Klemfelter, 1816; John Stilling, 1817; Fred Kaltrieter, 1818; John Klemfelter, 1819; Samuel Muck, 1820; M. Walter, 1821; J. Dehoff, 1822; F. W. Glasser, 1823, 1824; Christian Woolf, 1825; J. Erly, 1826; G. Reich, 1827; Philip Wagner, 1828; G. Reich, 1829; F. Glasser, 1830; G.

Schneider, 1831; J. S. Himmelreick, 1832; D. Kehr, 1833; J. Harlacher, 1834.

During this period of eighteen years, the work of the Lord had prospered and the numbers had increased so fast that it was deemed advisable to build a house suitable for the worship of God, and, under the leadership of Rev. Phillip Wagner, presiding elder, and Rev. M. F. Maze, pastor in charge, the work was begun, the money raised, and the building completed and dedicated in 1835. The following trustees were appointed to take charge of the church property: Jacob Reigel, Henry Manger, Jacob Bachman, John Hoster and Samuel Pontious. The land upon which the building and sheds stand was donated by Jacob Reigel. The society was legally incorporated May 4, 1846. During the first forty years the preaching was entirely in German. In 1837, under the preaching of Rev. Wagner, a powerful revival took place, resulting in a large addition to the membership. Some time in the Sixties, the the church building was twice struck by lightning and considerably damaged, but it was again repaired. In 1871, under the leadership of Rev. L. Hornberger a new roof was put on.

In 1874, the Rev. R. J. Smith was sent to the charge; the church and parsonage were in a very bad condition and the pastor was so disheartened at the outlook that he was tempted to decline the place, but changed his mind and went to work. He urged upon the people the need of building a suitable house in which to worship God, and, at the first quarterly conference, the following ladies were appointed to solicit subscriptions to accomplish the work: Miss Debbie Hoster, Miss Sadie Pontious, Mrs. H. Riegel, Mrs. W. Sherridan, Mrs. M. Sherridan. A building committee consisting of Henry Hoster, John Ritter and Jacob Bachman, was also appointed, with R. J. Derrick, treasurer, and George Hoster, secretary. The repairs commenced September 1, 1874, and the church was dedicated February 7, 1875, by Rev S. F. Buck, one thousand dollars being raised on that day, to pay the balance of indebtedness. In March, 1877, Rev. U. F. Swengel was appointed by the conference, to this pastorate. In November and December, 1878, a very interesting protracted meeting took place and forty-seven presented themselves at the altar. In March, 1880, E. Swengel, a brother of the preceding, was appointed as pastor and served four years. Rev. A. Stapleton was appointed in the spring of 1884. Rev. J. Hornberger was appointed, March, 1885, and served two years. Rev. M. J. Snyder served from March, 1887, to March, 1889. The conference of 1889 did not send any pastor, but Rev. G. Hunter preached several Sabbaths, and in June of the same year, H. B. Barshinger, at the solicitation of the presiding elder, assumed charge; but at the close of the conference year the church was in a sad condition, both spiritually and financially. Since that time it has had no regular pastor, but has had occasional preaching services, Rev. A. N. Depew, a retired clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal church, being the last to fill the pulpit. The church and

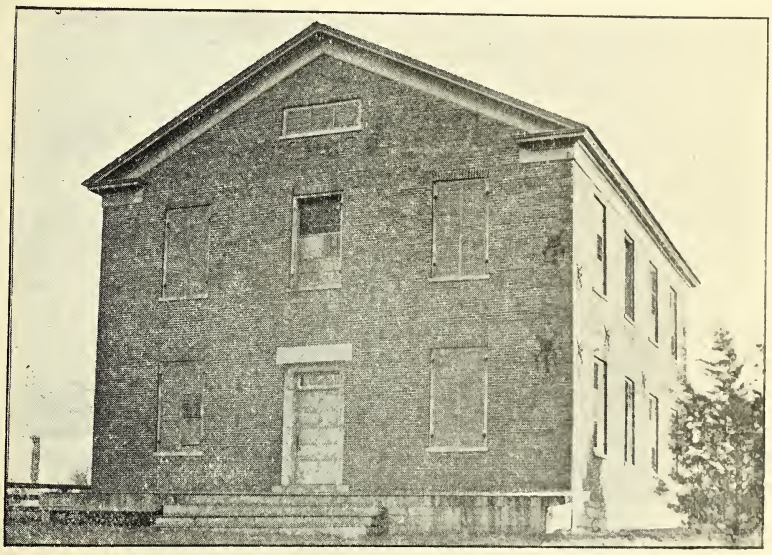
parsonage buildings are now wholly out of repair, and we will not make any prophecies for the future, but leave our case with the Lord.

It has been said lightning will not strike twice in the same place, but the photo-engraving of the church, herewith produced, shows the damage caused by the *third* lightning bolt upon the same steeple.

The Evangelical Association, to which the Bergh church belongs, though never very strong in New York State, has a large membership in Pennsylvania and some parts of the West. This denomination owes its origin to the "strict construction" which Bishop Asbury of the M. E. church placed upon the plan of itinerancy. About 1790, Jacob Albrecht, or as he is better known, Albright, a "Dutch" Methodist Itinerant, urged the bishop to organize a presiding elder district of German speaking preachers and people. Bishop Asbury, however, felt that the itinerant plan required that every preacher should be eligible to every charge, and so refused. Albright, then, with no ill feeling but from a firm conviction of duty, originated his church of German speaking Methodists, with doctrines and discipline the same as the Methodist Episcopal at that time. The denomination was long popularly known as the "Dutch Methodists." The wisdom of Albright's suggestions to Bishop Asbury, has since been justified by the organization of German conferences in the Methodist Episcopal church.

JERUSALEM CHURCH—REFORMED AND LUTHERAN.

ONE of the evidences of the tendency of population from rural neighborhoods to business centers in villages and cities, is found in the number of churches locked up or disused in the rural districts of the State. There are two such cases in the town of Fayette, and a third a little beyond the north border of the town. Many of the early settlers of the town of Fayette were Pennsylvania Germans, who removed there in the early part of this century. In the interior of the town, a little West of the center, may be found a large, well-constructed brick church edifice, known as



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"Jerusalem church", which has not for a number of years past, been used to any extent, for church purposes, by either of the religious denominations which constructed it, and formerly held stated religious services therein.

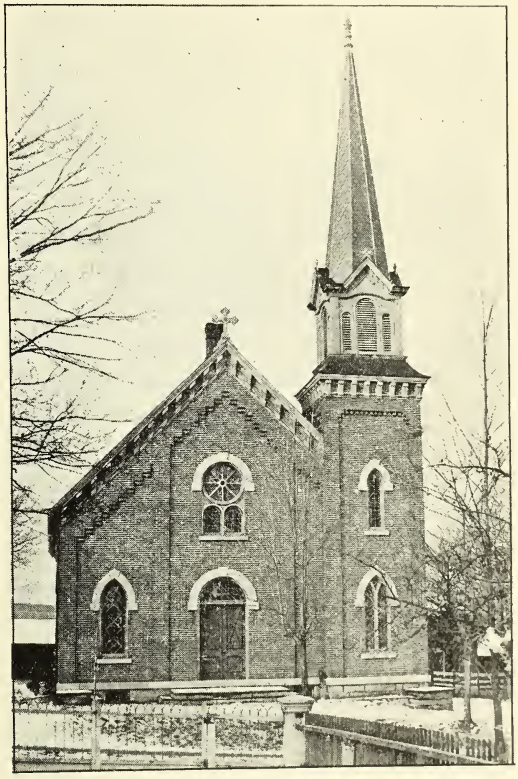
As early as August 3, 1811, only about two years after the organization of the first church in the town of Fayette, (Christ church at Bearytown) the German residents of the central and western parts of Fayette, of the German Reformed and Lutheran denominations, organized a religious society, under the name of the "Trustees of Zion's Church", naming in the certificate of organization (certified by Jacob Alleman as chairman of the charter meeting) as its first board of trustees: Jacob Heck, Philip Pratz, John Emerick, and Adam Hofstetter, equally divided between the two denominations named. It is to be regretted that the early church records cannot be found, and the traditions of aged people must be chiefly relied upon for information. The

first church edifice was a log structure, comfortably sided up, and arranged within,with seats of those primitive days. This building of Zion's church was destroyed by fire Feb. 7, 1835. The corner stone for a new church (it is still standing) was laid May 12, 1836, and was dedicated as "Jerusalem Church," Nov. 13, 1836. The names of the first clergymen who officiated in the old log church, (and prior to its erection, for a time, in dwelling houses or barns in the vicinity) were Rev. Anthony Houtz and Rev. Lot Merkel. For over fifty years, services were regularly held in the old church and its successor, on alternate Sabbaths or at longer intervals by the Reformed and Lutheran pastors of Bearytown congregations. During the past twenty years, services have not been regularly held therein,for any considerable times by either of these religious denominations. Doubtless the proximity of the church to Bearytown and Waterloo, and to the Presbyterian church of West Fayette and the Protestant Episcopal church at Willowdale, led greatly, with the other causes assigned, to its disuse for regular church services. A number of years ago, the church needing repairs, a committee of citizens of the neighborhood, of whom the late Hon. William Hogan, was an active worker, raised a considerable sum of money, and caused needed repairs to be made. A well attended Sabbath school, was for a number of years maintained in the church,by the late Elias Romig of Waterloo, and others, even after regular Sunday preaching services were discontinued. During the past two or three years, occasional Sunday services have been held in the church, under the auspices of Grace Protestant Episcopal church of Willowdale, on Seneca lake. The church cemetery, adjoining the church, has been maintained, and is still occasionally used for burials, by old families of the neighborhood.

Among the families ascertained to have been connected with this congregation in its early history (in addition to those who took part in the organization mentioned in 1811) were those of John Markell, George Neass, Adam Schneck, William Gamber, Abram Youngs, Daniel Saeger, Samuel Romig, Joseph H. Sigfreid, Christian Keim, Jacob Flickinger, Henry Shankwiler, Jacob Acker, John Ansberger, Philip Peters, Frederick and Benjamin Kuney, and Abram and Conrad Manges. It is a noteworthy fact,that the first organization of the Mormon church,was that of Joseph Smith, made April 6, 1830, at the house of Peter Whitmer, Sr., about 1 1-2 miles northwest from Jerusalem church. The Whitmer family were Pennsylvania Germans, and prior to their defection to Mormonism, attended church services at the old Zion's church, the predecessor of the Jerusalem church.

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF FAYETTE.

AMONG the earliest settlers of this magnificent section of country in the Empire State, were many Germans, who being a devout people, sought pastoral care at the earliest opportunity. The Rev. Lot Merkel, a Lutheran minister, was chosen pastor. He preached in private houses for some time, and on the 26th day December, 1809, called a congregational meeting in Hoster's school-house, and there completed the organization. At this



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meeting the following trustees were elected: Jacob Frantz, John Pontius, William Reed, Bartholomew Hittle. This was a union organization of Lutheran and German Reformed people and the above officers were equally divided between the two denominations. It was also resolved at this meeting that an acre of ground in the southwest corner of lot 53, Cayuga reservation should be purchased of Henry Singer, and a log church, 28 x 22 feet, erected thereon for the use and worship of God by said congregation, all of which was duly accomplished. The building committee of the log church was Stephen Frantz and Christian Ernsberger. The deed for this land, occupied by the church and cemetery, was given by Henry Singer on the 31st of August, 1818, to the

"Presbyterian and Lutheran churches" (*Liber F. 2. P. 440, County Records.*)

In 1823-4, the Lutheran and German Reformed congregations erected the Stone church, a few feet to the South, and on the 6th day of June, 1824, this substantial structure was dedicated to the service of Almighty God—a fitting monument to the piety and Christian zeal of the early settlers—the same to be occupied by the above organizations on alternate Sabbaths. The building committee of the Stone church was: John Gamber, Sr., Stephen Frantz, Jacob Fatzinger and John Kuney, No record appears of the incorporation of this congregation until February 23d, 1847, when, at a congregational meeting in Christ's (Stone) church, Rev. Joseph B. Gross, pastor, it became incorporated under the title: "The Evangelical Lutheran congregation and Society of Christ's church," Fayette, Seneca county, N. Y. The Rev. Joseph B. Gross and Elder James Shankwiler, presided over the meeting, and Orange W. Wilkinson was secretary. The trustees were Jacob Gambee, Jacob Malterus and Solomon Acker. Miss Margaret Lautenschlager and Mr. Acker, who retained their membership with the First church and assisted in supporting the Second, passed to their final rest in 1895; continuing their adherence to the Lutheran church and faith. The pastor of the Second church officiated at both funerals. The pastor of the First or Christ Church was also pastor of "Zion's Lutheran Church," latterly known as "Jerusalem Church," until about 1840; which latter congregation was also organized by the Rev. Lot Merkel, and incorporated in 1811, while he was pastor of Christ's church. He must have been pastor of Christ's (Stone) church until near, if not quite, 1820. Mrs. Margaret Brickley, a member of the Second church, born in 1808, possessing a certificate of baptism from him, says she has distinct recollections of him and his personal appearance. The next, so far as can be gathered, was the Rev. George J. Wichterman, who died while pastor of Christ's church, September 11th, 1825, the next day after the death of his wife, both, together with the body of a son, who died in December, 1824, are buried in the Burgh cemetery. The Rev. John Beilharz became pastor within a year or so later and remained until the close of 1841 or the early part of 1842. He was succeeded in 1842 by the Rev. Joseph B. Gross, a talented and scholarly divine and author, who resigned about 1856, and retired from pastoral life. He seems to have been the last regular settled pastor of the First Lutheran Church. The first Sunday school organized in Bearytown, was the Lutheran, in Christ's church, by the Rev. Gross. It will be seen that there was little, if any, interruption of the pastoral relation from the time that Rev. Lot Merkel came on the ground until 1856. During all these years it had been a joint occupant of the Stone church with Christ's Reformed church, which since then has had sole use and occupancy of the building, the Lutheran membership having been absorbed by the latter, or having formed the present Evangelical Lutheran Church of Fayette.

For some time previous to 1845 there existed a growing desire for advanced steps in Christian experience and methods of church work among the members of the Lutheran church. Revival and modern prayer meetings were strenuously opposed by the old organization worshipping in Christ's church. The Rev. M. J. Storr and a Rev. Mr. Moyer, Lutheran ministers, debarred from the privileges of Christ's church, preached, during the early forties, about the neighborhood, in barns in the summer and in private houses in the winter. The result of these meetings was that on the 13th day of November, 1845, a number of the members of Christ's church met and organized the Second Lutheran church, on the basis of what is currently called the "New Schools," the Rev. James Lefler, pastor. The following declaration was subscribed:

We, whose names are hereunto annexed, desirous of promoting the glory of God and securing the salvation of souls, believing the Bible to be the inspired word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice; believing also that the doctrines of God's word are purely taught and its ordinances properly administered in the Evangelical Lutheran church of the United States as represented in its General Synod; hereby organize ourselves into an Evangelical Lutheran congregation by the name of The Second Evangelical Lutheran Church of Bearytown, in the county of Seneca, State of New York; and we do adopt for our government the Formula and Discipline of the Evangelical Lutheran Church published by the General Synod: Christian Kuney, Sr., Christian Kuney, Jr., John Brickley, Sarah Bergstresser, Mary Ann Kuney, John Friedly, Frederick Illick, Sarah Friedly, John Emerick, Polly Emerick.

All of the above number have departed to their heavenly rest, excepting Christian Kuney, Jr., who with ardent faith, is awaiting his dismissal to the church above.

In January, 1846, ground was purchased of George W. Bachman, in the central part of the village, for the erection of a house of worship, the deed being delivered April 8th, 1846, to the proper officers of the Second Evangelical Lutheran Church. During this year a substantial brick edifice was erected, and on the first Thursday in January, 1847, the same was solemnly dedicated to the service of the Triune God, a befitting monument to the self-sacrificing zeal and religious convictions of this God-fearing band. In the years following, the Reverend Lefler performed faithful and successful work; God blessed the church with added numbers, and increased prosperity. After five years of faithful service, the Reverend Lefler retired from the field, and was succeeded by the Rev. R. Dederich, who continued with the church for about two years, with some degree of success. The Rev. M. J. Stover followed, and closed his labors in 1856 or 1857. The membership now numbered 50. In 1857, Rev. A. Hiller became pastor, and closed his work about the close of 1858. The Rev. D. English succeeded to the pastorate early in the following year. During his labors many were converted to Christ, and the church was greatly strengthened. The Rev. Henry Keller succeeded, but continued only one year. Rev. M. J. Stover was recalled, and for nearly

three years he labored with gratifying success. The membership had increased at this time to about 120. The Rev. J. Lefler was now re-called, but remained less than one year. He was succeeded by the Rev. A. L. Bridgman, who remained two years. Then followed a pastorate of only six months by Rev. M. M. Grove. The number of members at this time seems to have fallen to about 70. The Rev. V. F. Bolton was called and took charge in 1872. He remained four years. Additions to the membership from time to time appear. In July, 1876, the Rev. H. A. Strail became pastor, and continued two years; thirty persons were added to the membership. On the 1st day of November, 1879, the Rev. U. Myers became pastor. He labored with extraordinary success for about two and one half years, and was then compelled to resign on account of ill health.

The church was burdened wtth a debt of $1,000, which was provided for in 1880; and the church edifice much dilapidated by time, was, in 1881--2 remodeled, enlarged and beautified, at a cost of about $3,300; all of which was provided for with a surplus of $200, before the church was re-dedicated to God. Brother Myers' work was greatly blessed of God. The Rev. A. R. Glarze succeeded the Rev. Myers in June, 1882, and continued for nearly three years with some success. In 1885, the Rev. G. E. Harsh became pastor,and labored with success, thirty-five additions to membership appearing on the record, during this three years pastorate. In July, 1890, the Rev. E. Dreiblebis became pastor, but on receiving a call to another field, accepted and retired in 1891. In the same year the Rev. J. C. Schindel became pastor, and continued for two and one third years, with some success. On July 1st, 1894, the Rev. D. Wm. Laurence, the present pastor, took charge of the congregation, and under his pastorate, the church is manifesting much activity along the lines of Christian work.

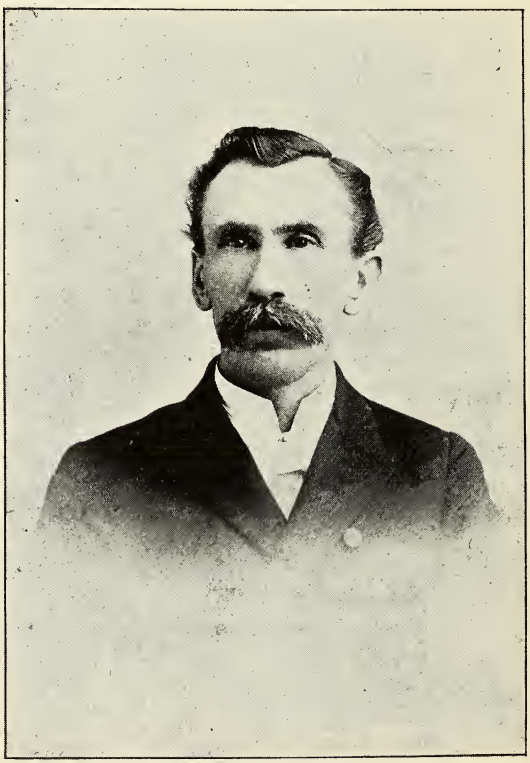
The Second church now has more than 100 members, and nearly 100 families connected with the congregation; a Sabbath school of about 100; and a Y. P. S. C. E., numbering 40 members,organized fourteen months since; a splendid church edifice, with all modern appointments; an excellent parsonage; all centrally and beautifully located; with a growing Christian fellowship among its members; and with sublime possibilities before it, all of which can be fully realized by united prayer, united effort, united and unreserved consecration to God, from whom cometh all our help.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

William Andrews
Jacob Brown
Charlotte Brown
Catharine Brown
Hannah Beck
Margaret Brickley
Charles Bachman
Nancy Bachman
Mary J. Brown
Ellen J. Bergstresser
D. S. Emerick
Minevra Emerick
Ida Emerick
Mary Frantz
George Frankenfield
Susan Frankenfield
Edward L. Frankenfield
Jacob S. Frankenfield
Susan Fridley
M. Cornelia Hopkins
James Harmon
Mary A. Hecker
Edward Hogan
Susan Hendricks
Agnes Kidd
John R. Kreutter
Mary B. Kreutter
John U. Kreutter
Hattie M. Kreutter
Lydia M. Reed
Albert J. Kreutter
Daniel Kuney
Deborah Kuney
Edwin King
Henry C. Kidd
Charles G. Kidd
Lucy King
Elenor Landis
Abraham Lefler
Betsy Lefler
George Lerch
Ida L. Lerch
Susan McCulloch
Julia Mauger
Jacob Menges
Lucy A. Menges
Clymer S. Menges
Elizabeth Moyer
Nancy Moses
Frank Pontius
Alice Pontius
Leah Rodenberger
Lucinda Reed
Enoch Reed
Alice Reed
John Ritter
Mrs. John Ritter
John Robenalt
Mrs. John Robenalt
Charles Schwab
Mrs. Charles Schwab
Carrie Wertman
Lydia Smith
Elizabeth Stringham
Polly Strouse
David Stahl
Polly Stahl
Pearly M. Brown
Cassie Updike
Mrs. Peter Schneck
Monroe Shaffer
Frances Shaffer
George Secor
Clarindia Secor
Mark Secor
Nettie Secor
Ruth Rothwell
Myron B. Secor
Catharine Secor
William Springer
Mrs. William Springer
Mary B. Springer
Floyd Springer
John Shannon
Emmett Shannon
Frank Shannon
Mrs. Harrison Troutman
Mrs. Jacob Troutman
Daniel E. Wertman
Mary Wertman
Mertie A. Wertman
Chauncey Bachman
Maria Willhaur
James F. Smith
Judson H. Kidd
Jesse H. Kidd
William A. Menges
Clawson B. Bachman
Anna B. Robenalt
William M. Robenalt
Emma Crane
Mary J. Baker
Emma F. Kreutter
George W. Hendricks
Frances L. Hendricks
Luella Frankenfield
Jennie E. Schneck
George Long
Sophronia Long
David Lautenschlager
Christian Kuney
Mrs. John Pearson
F. Della Lautenschlager
Luella Garrett Yost
Hattie L. Stevenson
Charles M. Lautenschlager
Fanny E. Miller
Frank Yost
Sophia Yost
Julia Ann Laudis
Lucinda Abbott
Evelena Stuck
Nellie U. Buckley
Fannie E. Kidd
Loretta Stahl
Aurelia O. Nutting
Jacob Rodenberger
Marietta Rodenberger
George C. Dutcher
Alice May Dutcher
C. Anna J. Brown
Mrs. Byron Leonard
Barbara Kreutter
Stella May Baldridge
Charles Kreutter
Mrs. William Brickley
Mrs. Ruth Stahl
Mrs. John Pearson
William Brickley
William Dutcher
Edward Bryant
Mrs. Edward Bryant
Christian Kuney
George Long
Mrs. David Lautenschlager

REV. D. WILLIAM LAWRENCE.

Rev. D. William Lawrence, pastor of the Second Lutheran church of Fayette, is a native of Columbia county, N. Y. He is descended from English, German aud Scotch stock. His father was a respected farmer in modest circumstances. His mother was a member of the Reformed Dutch Church. God took her to her heavenly rest when he was but five years old. To her prayers, at his bedside, he attributes largely the convictions of his life. Later, his father became a member of the Lutheran church. He remained at home until 16 years old, and attended school in the rural school-house. Then he entered the Hudson Academy, passing the Regents the first term. Afterwards he studied at Brockport, Norwich, and Claverack College. By close



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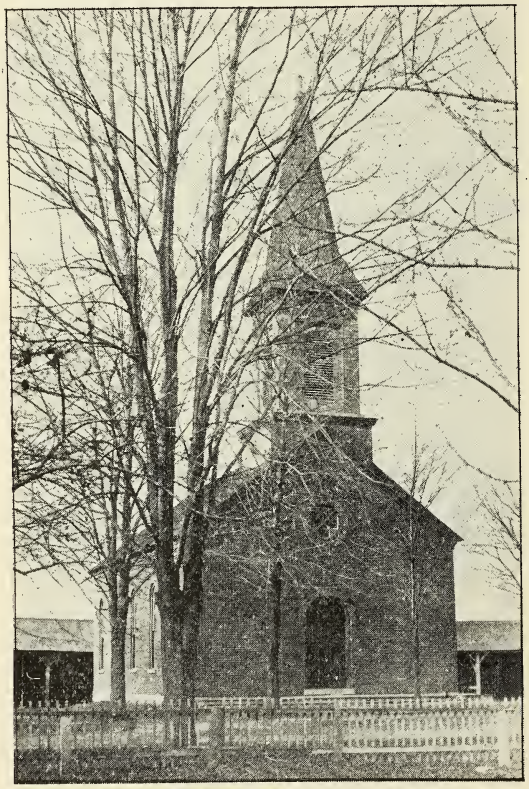
application and thorough attention to his studies, he always commanded the respect, confidence and sympathy of his teachers. At the age of 19 he was converted to Christ. Broken health compelled him finally to abandon, in part, his most cherished plans. Urged by physicians and friends he took charge of a little mission church, near the close of 1871, and studied theology under a private tutor, the Rev. H. L. Dox, a learned and scholarly divine, and in 1875 was ordained to the gospel ministry by the Franckean Evangelical

Lutheran Synod, of New York, and has had a successful ministry. In 1879 he was happily married to Miss Delila Fake, an accomplished, highly intellectual, amiable, consecrated Christian woman.

In addition to his regular pastoral work he has served in the respective offices of secretary and president of the Franckean Synod, and in 1883 he was a chosen representative of that body in the General Synod at Springfield, Ohio. In 1881 he was chosen to deliver the annual address before the Literary Society of Hartwick Seminary; and in 1885 he preached the baccalaureate sermon at that institution. At various times he has represented the Franckean and Hartwick Synods at the convention of sister Synods. In 1890 he was chosen by the latter Synod as representative in a State conference of Protestant denominations, held November 17th and 18th, in the University of New York City, to consider the problem of "moral instruction in our public schools." Later he was made its permanent representative. He has repeatedly held the office of president of town and county Sunday school associations, and also the same office in Christian Endeavor Local Union. In 1892 he was elected councilor in the American Institute of Civics.

CANOGA METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

IT IS over eighty years since the organization of the first class in the little hamlet of Canoga. All records of that period therefore, are gone, we know not where, but the writer recalls a few remarks by the older members when he was pastor here in 1865-68, and from this traditional resource we then understood a class was formed in Canoga about 1810 or 1811, by the famous preachers, John Rhodes and David Barnes, pastors on the Seneca Circuit. This was a most famous circuit extending from Clyde on the north to Catharine on the south, embracing all between Seneca and Cayuga Lakes. In



CANOGA METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

1825, Ulysses circuit was formed, then Ovid charge; in 1832 Seneca Falls as a station, and in 1833 Clyde was set off also; in 1836 Waterloo was taken off. In 1847 we find Canoga first named as a separate charge, and Rev. Romeley Harrington and Rev. J. L. Edson, pastors. During Mr. Harrington's administration the Canoga parsonage was bought, and a very generous spirit was manifested by the community; for all the churches aided by their contribution to the work; (a copy of the subscription paper lies before me.) It gives me pleasure to record this fact, for Christian kindness is a seal of our Christian

faith and the want of it is displeasing to the Master. As near as we can ascertain, the society was organized in the year 1830, William D. Jewett, pastor, and the first church edifice erected. Under the administration of Rev. D. S. Chase it was repaired and modernized in 1862 or 1863. Under the administration of Rev. Mr. Hoxie, it was thoroughly repaired and a portion rebuilt, enlarging it materially.

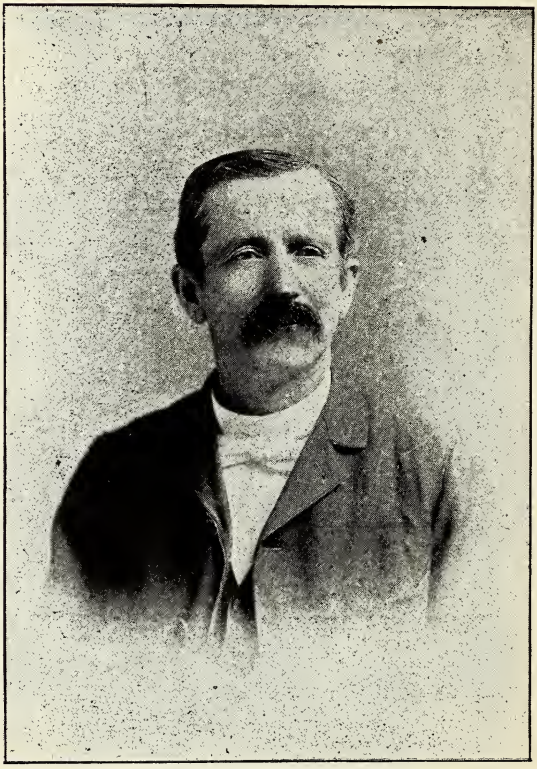
Thirty years ago Canoga M. E. Church had a very generous class of supporters; the Hosters, Zimmers, Bachmans, Burtless, Deal and others, but death has removed the most of these, so that only two male members remain to us of that large class; John Fry, the Christian gentleman with his sister, Miss Hannah, and Isaiah Bachman.

For many years Canoga has been connected in a circuit with East Varick. The latter is by far the older church, having been organized, as the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Varick, in the early part of the century. In the year 1895, the circuit was enlarged so as to include the former Second M. E. Church of Varick, and is now known as the Canoga, East Varick and Fayette circuit. Rev. William Wardell is the first pastor of the enlarged circuit.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

Isaiah Bachman
Kathern Burtless
Eliza J. Clark
John Fry
Hannah Fry
Stephen Fry
Lillie Fry
Jennie Fry
Sarah Hood
Joseph Hood
Mary J. Deal
Angeline Larzelere
Emma Milford
George L. McDuffie
Ladusca McDuffie
Ophelia McDuffie
V. R. Matthews
Margaret Matthews
Elizabeth Hood
Jacob Reeder
Marille Reeder
James Spaid
Elizabeth Spaid
Lucinda Shaw
Emma Pontius
Aaron Pontius
Mary Walters
Cynthia Reeder
Eva Long
Clara Oliver
Alba Troutman
Lillie McNana
Susie Boss
Catharine Vreeland
Rev. N. A. Depew
Sarah Depew
Jennie Bachman
Mrs. Jennie Wardell
Rev. William Wardell

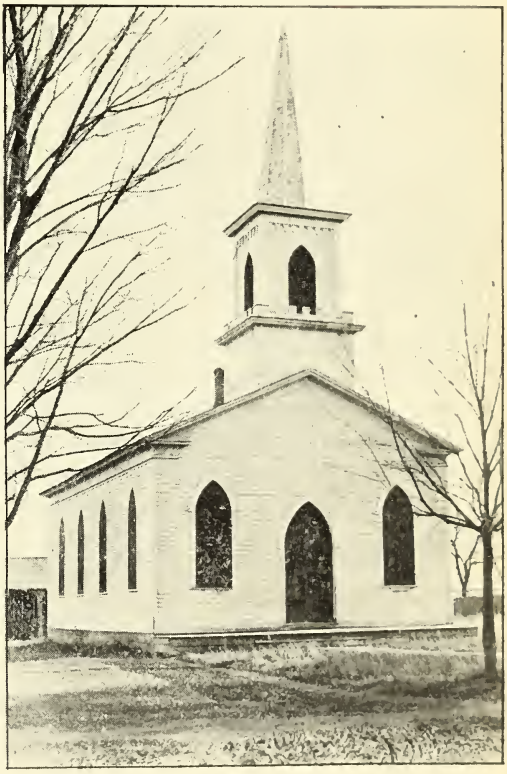
REV. WILLIAM WARDELL.



Rev. William Wardell, pastor of the Canoga M. E. Church, was born in Potsdam, St. Lawrence County. He was educated in the schools of that county, and took an Academic course in Gouverneur Wesleyan Seminary. He was admitted to the Genesee Conference in 1870, and has served appointments in Hinsdale, Ulysses, Prattsburg, Liberty, Millers Corners, Fairville, Hopewell, Williamson, Middlesex, Union Springs, Georgetown, Summit Station, Perryville, Auburn, and Bridgeport, coming to Cayuga in 1895.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANOGA.

THE Presbyterian church of Canoga was organized by Rev. Mr. Orton of Seneca Falls, and Rev. Medad Pomeroy of East Cayuga, on June 28, 1825. The original members were eleven, namely; James Huff and wife, Jerusha G. Huff; Tobias Perrine and wife, Sarah Perrine; John Williams, Jr., Lucy Arnold, Phebe Clark, Elizabeth Burroughs, Ann L. Burroughs, Hannah Boardman, Lucinda Bannister. The church increased quite rapidly. At the second communion service, held October 8, 1825, and administered by Prof. Perrine, D. D., of Auburn seminary, the communicants numbered thirty-five. In July, 1826, communion services were held by Rev. Morris Barton, and the number of communicants was forty-five. The records do not give us any statement of the observance of the Lord's supper again, until 1832, though there are several records of examinations of candidates for admission, and also of baptisms. These records were neatly kept, and plainly written, and strongly resemble a lady's handwriting. The writing is all one style, from the formation of this church, June 28, 1825, until January 22, 1837. No name is signed as clerk until December 15, 1833. At this date, we find in a different handwriting, these words, "Attested, a true copy, Jacob Peterson, clerk." The same entry occurs again—July 3, 1835. From 1825 to 1837, this church was ministered to by Reverends Orton, Pomeroy, Perrine, D. D., Richards, D. D., Barton, Williams, Clark, Slater and Cook.



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANOGA.

On April 17, 1848, during the pastorate of the Rev. C. W. Cherry, a meeting of the church was called "To take into consideration the expediency of changing from the Presbyterian form of government to that of the Congregational." A preamble and resolution were offered by a committee appointed

by the moderator, Rev. C. W. Cherry, for that purpose. The committee was Sebastian Chatham and Dr. H. L. Eddy. The vote was by ballot, and stood thirty for the change, and eight against it. This change was the cause of much serious trouble among the members. Some left, or refused to attend, and others withdrew their support, and dubbed it "The Nigger Church,' because those who brought about the change were abolitionists of the radical sort, and said "they could not conscientiously belong to a sect that countenanced slavery, as did the Presbyterian church." On the same day the change was made, Sebastian Chatham and Jacob Peterson were chosen deacons. (Mr. Peterson, about ninety years old, has just passed away.) The Sabbath following, Rev. C. W. Cherry was chosen to report the action taken to Presbytery, and ask leave to "respectfully and peacefully withdraw." In 1851, Jacob Peterson, Sebastian Chatham and John H. Tooker, (Mr. Tooker died in May, 1895, aged eighty-eight years,) were elected to the office of judicatory of this church. To these was added, soon after, Jacob B. Larzelere. Thus the Presbyterian church of Canoga, was peaceably Congregationalist from April 17, 1848, to April 10, 1853. On that date, at a meeting of the society called for that purpose, "all former resolutions were rescinded unanimously," and the society was again Presbyterian. This church, since its founding, has enrolled over four hundred members.

This church has never enjoyed a long pastorate. The longest was that of Rev. C. W. Cherry, which was about five years. The shortest was that of Rev. B. F. Willoughby, one year and eight months. The whole number of ordained and installed ministers who served this church as pastors, was four. Rev. C. N. Mattoon, a licentiate from Cayuga Presbytery, was ordained and installed as pastor the 6th of June, 1837, and was dismissed the latter part of the year 1842. The Rev. C. W. Cherry followed Mattoon. He came in January, 1843. There is no minute in the records of his installation. It was during his pastorate that the change was made from Presbyterianism to Congregationalism. He was strongly in favor of it, being a radical abolitionist. He was a strong Charles G. Finney man, and believed in the doctrine of "entire sanctification" in this life, and was tried for heresy by the Geneva Presbytery, in which trial, it was commonly reported in our church, that Presbytery came out second best. He was a successful pastor, and twenty-seven members at one time were received on profession of faith. From 1848 to 1859, the church was ministered to by supplies. On July 6, 1859, Rev. B. F. Willoughby of Auburn seminary, was ordained and installed as pastor. His stay was short, ending in April, 1861. The next and last pastor of this church was Rev. Harlan Page Dunning, who was also a graduate of Auburn seminary, and was regularly appointed by Presbytery, September 19, 1872. His labors covered a period of two years and ten months. It was during his ministry that the church was at its strongest.

After its organization in 1825, the church seems, from the book, to have been

looked after by quite a number of different ministers who officiated as they had opportunity, coming from Seneca Falls, Romulus, Union Springs, East Cayuga and the Seminary of Auburn. Rev. Morris Barton served this church from its earliest existence with frequency for a number of years. From 1831 to 1833 Rev. Mr. Williams was the supply. Rev. Mr. Clark was from Union Springs, and supplied the most of the time until the fall of 1835. Rev. Mr. Cook was from Aurora; his labors were quite limited. Rev. Nelson Slater was from Auburn Seminary. The pastorates of Revs. Mattoon and Cherry extended to 1849. After them came Rev. B. F. Bradford as "stated supply"; His labors covered a period of about three years; he came from Seneca Falls. The form of government was Congregational during his stay.

The church was in a low condition, financially, about this time. For two years or more there was no regular supply, except for short intervals. Rev. Medad Pomeroy, a retired minister of East Cayuga, was engaged to preach on Sabbath. He would walk across the Bridge, and some one from the north part of the society would meet him there, drive with him to the church, where he would hold two services, with about an hour and half intermission. He would then be returned to the Bridge, across which he would walk to his home. Rev. Morris Barton, followed him. Mr. Barton was also a retired minister living on a farm he had purchased about a mile east of Romulus. He conveyed himself to and from the place of service, usually stopping with his old and fast friend, Tobias Perrine. Each of these received $200 a year.

About 1855, Rev. H. Frazer came as a supply. His labors were continued for nearly three years. July 6, 1859, Rev. B. F. Willoughby was constituted pastor by the Geneva Presbytery. His services closed in April 1861 In September following, Rev. Ezra Jones was engaged to occupy the pulpit. His labors covered a period of four years. He was with us through all the trying scenes of the "Great Rebellion." His two sons were in the Union Army, the oldest dying at Andersonville prison. Rev. Ezra Jones left in September 1865, and was succeeded by Rev. E. H. Stratton in December following. Mr. Stratton was a man of strong character, with decided "Puritanical" proclivities; a preacher of no little ability, and wonderfully (as was Rev. Jones) gifted in prayer. He was a warm personal friend, a devoted father, and a fearless preacher of righteousness. Mrs. A. R. Greenleaf is his daughter. Mr. Stratton resigned his position as acting pastor in November, 1871. After his retiring there was no regular preaching until May 1872, when a call was given to Rev. H. P. Dunning, of Auburn Seminary, who was installed September 19 following. He left in June 1875. Rev. J. F. McLaury came as a supply in January 1876. He was with us about six years. Rev. J. F. McLaury's successor was the Rev. George N. Smith, who, by his erratic conduct, and inconsistent life as a gospel minister, called down upon himself, first the censure of one member, then of more, and finally of the whole session,

with one exception. The scholarly and godly Rev. Edwin Hall succeeded Mr. Smith, and did all he could to repair the reach, in which he was right royally seconded by his excellent wife. His stay was about four years.

Mr. Hall's successor was Rev. Albro L. Green, who, soon after coming, amid many discouragements, and with fear and trembling as to its accomplishment, succeeded in organizing a "Young People's Christian Endeavor Society." It has been the life of the church ever since. Mr. Green's stay was three years; but this society stands as a monument to his prayers and earnest work. For over two years, whenever there has not been preaching, the services have been sustained by this Endeavor Society. The young people have been loyal to their organization, and loyal to the interests of the church. For nearly two years the pulpit has been supplied by Mr. Wilcox and Mr. Mayo of Auburn Seminary. Excellent results have attended their labors. Quite a number of additions to the church have been made, the spirit of all the members has been revived, and their faith and zeal increased.

The same day the Presbyterian church in Canoga was organized, Mr. James Huff and Mr. Tobias Perrine were "unanimously elected as Ruling Elders." Mr. James Huff has the honor of being the foster father of Mr. Wells, the originator of the Wells-Fargo Express Co. August 16, 1834, "To strengthen the session" an election was held, resulting in the choice of Nathaniel D. Tooker, and Jonathan S. Chatham as Elders, and the following Sabbath they were ordained and installed. In January 1837, Jacob Peterson and Sebastian Chatham were added to the session. June 26, 1853, John H. Tooker, and D. T Greenleaf were added to the session. Mr. Greenleaf was for many years, clerk of the session. The same year, Absalom P. Chatham and J. B. Larzelere were elected ruling elders. Mr. Larzelere refused to serve. At that time the church adopted the "Rotary Eldership Plan;" but it was followed only a few years. In 1859, Dr. O. W. Peterson, son of Jacob Peterson, was elected an elder. B. M. Chatham, son of Sebastian Chatham, was chosen to the office, March 1866; October 1874, D. Budd Randall and George M. Esterley; May 14, 1876, Jacob Burroughs and Mattoon C. Pierson; September 23, 1876, James L. Huff; September 29, 1878, Cornelius R. Bennett; September 1879, Robert D. Peters; July 1895, Jared B. Spaid and Charles Burroughs. The "Rotary Plan of Eldership" was adopted for the third time in May 1876, during the pastorate of Rev. H. P. Dunning. The names of the members of the present session are: James L. Huff, B. M. Chatham, Charles Burroughs and Jared B. Spaid.

The church edifice was built in 1834, nine years after the organization of the church. Charles Dean was the builder. It cost one thousand, seven hundred dollars. The material for the frame was donated by Rulif Peterson. Originally it was about thirty-five by forty-five feet. For a steeple there was a structure on the front end of the peak of the roof, about six feet square, and as many high. Previous to the building of this house of worship, meetings

were held in school-houses or in private residences, which in those days, were mostly "log houses." In warm weather meeting was often held in the barn just across the way, and now owned by A. R. Greenleaf. The edifice has been changed a number of times. When it was built the seats faced the doors. The seats at the sides were in squares. Scripturally described, it would be: "six feet on this side, and six feet on that side; and six feet on the one end and six feet on the other end; and a door to go in and out by." These were called "pews," while those in the center of the house were called "slips." In 1860 an addition of about ten feet was built on the west end, and the present steeple erected, at acost of about eight hundred dollars, half of which was paid by the twin brothers Smith. The builder was Phillip Kirby. In 1872 the house was put in its present shape. During the pastorate of Rev. C. N. Mattoon, a parsonage was built. That was after 1837. It was afterwards sold to Mr. Woodruff, and occupied as a private residence for a number of years. It was purchased again in 1865, and at the present time belongs to the society.

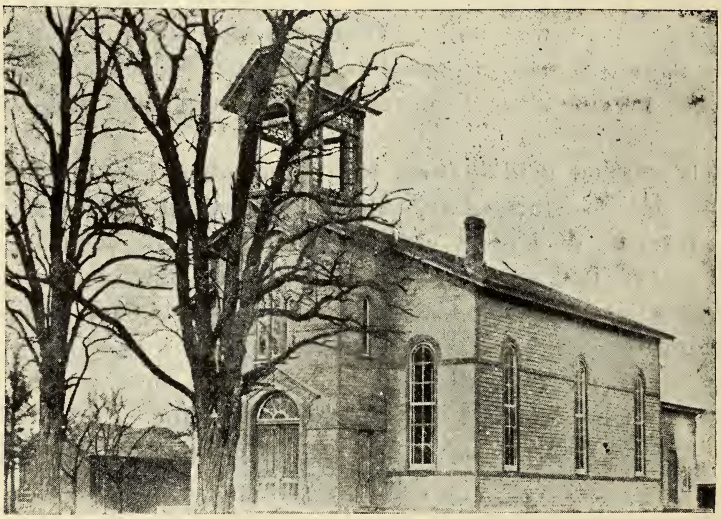
The yearly stipend paid to those who have labored in this field, has been small. Rev. C. N. Mattoon received four hundred dollars a year, and a donation. Rev. C. W. Cherry was paid three hundred a year and a donation, and saved out of that small sum for a wet day, one hundred dollars. He married soon after coming to Canoga. The largest salary was paid to Rev. H. P. Dunning, who received eight hundred dollars a year and the inevitable "donation." The first year Mr. Dunning was with this church, he received one thousand dollars, some of which was paid by the "Sustentation Board." The eight hundred dollars was paid by the society and by subscription.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

Mrs. H. L. Eddy
Elmira Tooker
Hannah Pierson
George W. Bockoven
Fesonia Bockoven
Caroline Disinger
Baxter M. Chatham
Mary Chatham
Letitia Burtless
Albert J. Erantz M. D.
Laura Wayne
George M. Esterly
Sarah Esterly
Isaac D. Burroughs
Mary A. V. Burroughs
Lucinda Runyon
M. C. Pierson
Margaret Ann Pierson
Sarah Ann Crossman
Sarah D. Turner
Emma L. Burroughs
James L. Huff
Lucy S. Carr
Carrie A. Frantz
Jacob S. Burtless
Jordan B. Spade
Sarah W. Donley
Oscar E. Williamson
Mrs. Mary L. Williamson
Mrs. Virtie E. Wells
Mrs. Celia E. Disinger
Mrs. Florence VanVleet
Mrs. Peter Disinger
Mrs. Phoebe Jane Larzelere
Mrs. Frances G. McBride
Mrs. Catharine A. Greenwood
Mary L. Burtless
Mrs. Fannie Deal
Mrs. Clarissa Huff
Blanche Esterly
Martin V. Beard
Mrs. Francis F. Crane
Charles H. Burroughs
Agnes R. Frantz
Mildred Frantz
Theresa Frantz
Maud May Disinger
Della A. Larzerlere
Grace Luella Disinger
Mrs. Mary L. Disinger
Mrs. Nettie Disinger
Florence May Donley
Charles H. Goodman
Jacob Burroughs
Mrs. Mary H. Randall
Charles H. Randall
Sarah Jane Runyan
Stella Burroughs

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WEST FAYETTE.

THE First Presbyterian church of West Fayette was organized on the 5th of January, A. D. 1825. Rev. Henry Axtell, D. D,, was chosen moderator, and Rev. Azariah J. Orton was chosen clerk. There were twenty-six members. It was under the care of Geneva Presbytery. Its first elders were George Markle, John Mead and Tunis Dey. Its trustees were Anthony Dey, Pierson Dey, Stephen Cook, Josiah Easton and James Houghtaling. In 1825, land was donated to the society for the erection of a church edifice by Abraham Ackerman and Tunis Henion. The building was erected and dedicated during the year 1826.



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The pastors and terms of service have been as follows: Rev. Isaac Flager, 1825-1828; Rev. W. H. Snyder, 1829-1832; Rev. James W. McMaster, 1832-1833; Rev. James M. McEllister, 1833-1834; Rev. Adams W. Platt, 1834-1837; Rev. Oren Catlin, 1837-1838; Rev. Alanson Scofield, 1838-1845; pulpit supplies, 1845-1848; Rev. J. N. Crittendon, 1848-1851; Rev. D. C. Tyler, 1852-1854; pulpit supplies, 1854-1856; Rev. Ezra Jones, 1856-1858; Rev. James Abell, 1858-1860; Rev. William Atwood, 1861-1866; Rev. William H. Megie, 1866-1868; Rev. R. S. Lockwood, 1868-1870; pulpit supplies, 1870-1872; Rev. J. D. English, 1872-1875; Rev. Dr. S. H. Gridley, 1875-1877; Rev. E. Wilmot Cummings, 1877-1881; Rev. Willard P. Gibson, 1882-1886; pulpit supplies, 1886-1888; Rev. John Burkhart, 1888-1892; pulpit supplies, 1892-1894; Rev. Fletcher A. Valentine, 1894.

In 1878 the church was remodeled at a cost of three thousand dollars, and re-dedicated March 28, 1879. The present pastor is Rev. Fletcher A. Valentine. The officers are as follows: Elders, Caleb Sayer, Peter Kunes, James

Post, John H. Schuhl, Henry Dilldine and Benjamin Post; deacons, Garrett Van Sickle and David Kunes; trustees, John T. Roberson, Charles Angley, Lawson Pontius, Harry C. Post and John H. Schuhl.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

Garrett Van Sickle
Henry K. Dey
Mrs. H. K. Dey
John Houst
Mrs. John Houst
Benjamin Houst
Miss Anna Houst
Caleb Sayer
Mrs. Caleb Sayer
A. B. Skinner
Mrs. A. B. Skinner
J. Russell Skinner
Mrs. Joseph Gambee
Mrs. Charles Nuhn
Charles Angley
Mrs. Charles Angley
Mrs. Henry Poffenberger
John H. Schuhl
Mrs. J. H. Schuhl
David Kunes
Mrs. David Kunes
Fred Kunes
Miss Carrie Kunes
William Nuhn
Mrs. William Nuhn
Mrs. Charles Stengle
Mrs. Edward Stengle
Mrs. Marian Van Dine
Dr. A. J. Alleman
Mrs. Charles Van Nostrand
Newton Van Nostrand
Peter N. Dey
Mrs. Peter N. Dey
Miss Ann Dey
Peter Lerch
Mrs. Peter Lerch
Mrs. Samuel Lerch
Mrs. Samuel Jolly
Mrs. Charles Smith
Mrs. John Kipp
Miss Lillie Kipp
Benjamin Post
Mrs. Benjamin Post
Harry C. Post
Mrs. Libbie Edington
Anthony Post
Peter Kunes
Mrs. Peter Kunes
Miss Mary E. Kunes
Mrs. Catharine Goodman
Miss Jennie C. Goodman
Charles M. Goodman
Mrs. Charles M. Goodman
Mrs. Charles Raymond
Mrs. Benjamin L. Gambee
Mrs. Clara Sebring
Frank Kunes
Mrs. Abram McCaw
Miss Grace McCaw
Miss Addie Mudge
Henry Dilldine
Mrs. Henry Dilldine
Mrs. George Lautenshlager
James Post
Mrs. Catharine Berge
Mrs. David Beary
Mrs. John Mann
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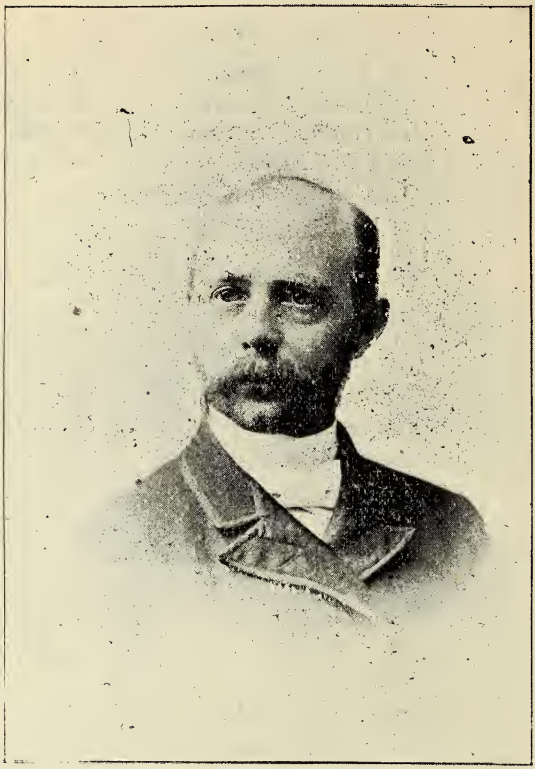


Rev. Fletcher A. Valentine, pastor of West Fayette Presbyterian church, was born in New York city. He prepared for college at the Mount Washington Institute and entered Princeton university when sixteen years of age. Financial reasons compelled him to sever connection with his Alma Mater and to enter upon a commercial life. In spite of all distractions of metropolitan life, he could never quiet the longing desire to enter the ministry. At length the way opened and he entered Bangor Theological seminary. Three years at that institution deepened the religious life. George A. Gordon, D. D., pastor of the Old South Church, Boston, was his classmate. After serving Congregational churches in Ohio and Long Island, N. Y., he was received into the Nassau Presbytery and in the fall of 1893 accepted a call to the West Fayette Presbyterian church. Since coming to this charge, the relations between pastor and people have been most cordial and harmonious. A Ladies' Aid society was soon organized by Mrs. Valentine, and, under the lead of an efficient president and earnest band of workers, great things have been done for the material welfare of church and parsonage.

GRACE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, WILLOWDALE.

ON APRIL 20, 1873, Vincent M. Halsey's house at Willowdale farm, Fayette, was opened for service, the dining room only eighteen by sixteen feet being arranged for it. Boards were placed upon chairs to make seats enough. A very small organ was provided, and a little table for a reading desk. These little details are recorded for the encouragement of

GRACE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

people who live plainly in small houses, to assure them that the success of a mission does not depend upon the size of the room where it is organized. Miss Fannie Middlewood kindly played and led the singing. One woman drove to Geneva and brought out Mr. George Eastman, a student in Hobart College to act as lay reader. Dr. VanRensselaer, then president of the College, appointing him to that work. Twenty-two persons attended the first service, held at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The attendance gradually increased until often the kitchen door had to stand open and chairs be placed out there for the people. When Christmas of 1873 came, Mr. Thomas Berryman, a neighbor, possessed of large parlors, kindly offered them for the Christmas tree, and a magic lantern entertainment, provided by the late William W. Stacey, which gave

pleasure to about one hundred persons. The women of the neighborhood brought quantities of biscuits, pressed meats, the richest cakes, and all things exquisite to the abundant feast. Of course all this necessitated much forethought and labor, but the women did it gladly, willingly. On Advent eve of 1873, a widow of limited means gave $1.00, the first offering towards building a church; by advent of 1874 the church was well under way, Mr. V. M. Halsey giving all the land for it, and boarding all the carpenters and other workmen gratuitously, and doing all in his power to carry out his long-cherished plan of building a church on his farm. April 1, 1875, the church was consecrated by Bishop Huntington as Grace Church, Willowdale.

About that time the late Richard Wilcox of Dey's Landing offered the use of a private school house on his farm for the church service, and on May 30, 1875, Mr. Halsey took Mr. William W. Stacey and Mr. Thomas Duck there, and they read service. During 1875, 76 and 77, Mr. Stacey, Rev. William D'Oville Doty, Rev. William Ely, Rev. John Rice, and some lay readers held services there—Mr. Stacey being especially devoted. In my journal I find mention of many occasions of his ministering there when roads and weather were indescribably bad, especially the night of Easter Sunday, April 16, 1876. In 1878, Rev. Charles W. McNish took up the work and by June 22, 1880 had the new church ready for consecration. Bishop Huntington consecrated it as St. Andrew's, Dey's Landing. Mr. Halsey was always so anxious to bring all men to the knowledge of the truth that he would often say, "why can't we have services held in every village and hamlet?" Services were kept up for a while in the public Hall at Fayette Station, McDougal, and also in a school house three miles north of Grace Church, the Rev. M. VanRensselaer conducting the services most of the time. To the love and interest and cherishing care of Dr. VanRensselaer and the late Rev. Walter Ayraut, D. D., the missions of Seneca county, owe under God their very existence and record of countless blessings from April 20, 1873, to this Advent season of 1895—not only to their personal labors but to their prevailing intercessions. Mr. Halsey was always much interested in the county house and more than sixteen years ago he began taking someone to read and have prayers with the inmates, and every Christmas since that time, Grace Church, Willowdale, has provided a Christmas tree for its inmates.

Grace Church has also provided services at the old Jerusalem brick church, continuously since July 1892, and occasionaly before that. At present the services at the missions are as follows: Grace Church, Willowdale, at half past ten in the morning; Jerusalem at three o'clock in the afternoon; St. Andrew's, Dey's Landing at half past seven in the evening.

CHRIST REFORMED CONGREGATION, BEARYTOWN.

CHRIST Church at Bearytown, in the town of Fayette, is the oldest existing church organization in that town. The earliest records of the church, in the German language, mention that prior to 1809, in fact in the early years of the century, German Evangelical Christians (principally from Pennsylvania with a few foreign born Germans) residents of the towns of Fayette and Romulus (now Varick) occasionally enjoyed preaching services in school houses, barns or private houses. The first pastor of whom informa-

CHRIST REFORMED CHURCH.

tion exists, serving thus, as early as 1804, was Rev. Anthony Houtz, of Dryden, Tompkins county, a clergyman of tbe German Reformed church of the United States. It appears that he labored in this capacity among these people, for several years. On December 26, 1809, the first attempt at formal church organization was made at a meeting of German Reformed and Lutheran residents held in the Burgh school house in Fayette, at which meeting, John Gamber, Sr., of Romulus, presided, and Jacob Frantz, William Reed, John Pontius and Bartholomew Hittle were chosen trustees. This meeting resolved to erect a house of worship for use of the two denominations, and the present church site, taken from the farm of Henry Singer in Fayette, was chosen—there

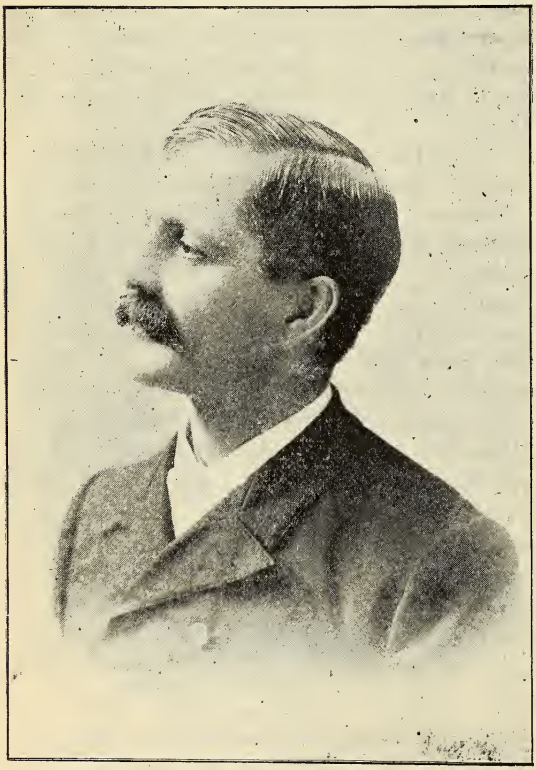
being then only three houses within the territory of the present village of Bearytown. The first interment in the church cemetery was made in 1810. The building committee chosen, Stephen Frantz and Christian Ernsberger, proceeded to erect a log church 22 by 28 feet at the northwest corner of the church lot. It is not now positively known when this church was dedicated, but as the records show that the church constitution was adopted Jan. 7, 1813, it is believed that the church was then also dedicated and opened for worship. A German week-day school was taught in the church building from time to time until after 1830. In the interval from 1809 to 1821, the church was served for short terms of service by different pastors, among whom the names of Rev. Lot Merkel and Rev. George J. Wichterman are mentioned. In April, 1821, Rev. Diedrich Willers of the German Reformed Synod of the U. S. entered upon his pastorate in this church, which continued without interruption to January 1, 1882, a period of sixty years and eight months, terminated by his resignation. The present substantial stone structure of Christ Church was erected in 1823 and dedicated June 6, 1824. Its dimensions are 45 feet by 35 feet, and its cost about three thousand dollars. The church building committee was John Gambee, Sr., Stephen Frantz, John Kuney and Jacob Fatzinger. This committee was composed of members of both the Lutheran and the Reformed churches, and the church edifice was erected by the two congregations, and occupied by them alternately, or by other mutually agreed upon arrangement, until 1855. Since that date it has been used and maintained by the Reformed congregation alone. Since 1855, there has been no Lutheran pastor employed in Christ Church. In 1882, the church was extensively repaired and remodeled and a stone tower and belfry added. It was reopened for divine worship June 16, 1883, the improvements costing about $6,000. It has a seating capacity of 250 persons. Upon the resignation of Rev. Diedrich Willers, D. D., the congregation chose Rev. J. H. Hunsberger, of Findlay, Ohio, a member of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed church as successor, who served as pastor for six years to January 1, 1888, when his resignation took effect. The present pastor of Christ Church, Rev. Geo. W. Kershner, of Stroudsburg, Pa., a member of the Eastern Synod of the Reformed church in the U. S., entered upon his pastorate May 13, 1888. The church has a present membership of 101. The senior surviving member, in 1895, Mrs. Elizabeth Shroyer of Fayette, having united with this church by confirmation in June, 1824. A Sabbath school and Christian Endeavor Society are successfully maintained by the congregation. The church is incorporated under the laws of this State and has a board of nine trustees. The spiritual council is called the consistory, and is composed of four elders and four deacons with the pastor.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

Abbott, (Moyer) Pearl Mrs.
Abbott, Lorana Pearl Miss
Acker. R. Salome Mrs.
Acker, Mary E. Miss
Aunkst, Joseph
Bachman, Margaret A. Mrs.
Bachman, (Frantz) E. A. Mrs.
Balliett, Charles
Balliett, Nancy Mrs.
Balliett, Newton
Balliett, Flora S. Mrs.
Balliett, Peter
Balliett, Eliza Mrs.
Balliett, Charles C.
Balliett, Pearl Mrs.
Balliett, John
Balliett, Webster
Bauer, Nicholas
Bauer, Elizabeth Mrs.
Bauer, Edward
Bauer, John
Beary, Eliza A. Mrs.
Brown, Maggie S. Miss
Brown, Herman
Brown, Margaret Mrs.
Chase. Maria A. Mrs.
Countryman, (Kemmery) Jennie B. Mrs.
Deal, (Brown) Maria Mrs.
Deal. George Peter
Deal, Sarah A. Mrs.
Deal. Samuel P.
Deal. Aaron P
Deal. Laura Mrs.
Deal, Henry
Deal, Jacob
Deal, Polly Mrs.
Deal, Polly Miss
Deal, (Litzenberger) Sally Ann Mrs.
Disinger, Christina Mrs.
Frantz, Elizabeth Mrs.
Friedly, (Swartz) Maggie Mrs.
Garnet, Philip
Garnet, Margaret Mrs.
Garnet, Charles E.
Garnet, Anna P. Miss
Goodman, Daniel
Goodman, Clarissa Mrs.
Goodman, Mary J. Miss
Hoffman, Charles
Hendricks, Melinda Mrs.
Kear, Sarah Mrs.
Kemmery, James
Kemmery, Sophia Mrs.
Kidd, (Balliett) Katie Mrs.
Kohler, Irene Mrs.
Kroninger, Sylvester
Kroninger, Rosa Mrs.
Kuney, Luella Miss
Kuney, Minnie Miss
Kuney (Swab) Margaret Mrs.
Lambert, Sidney
Lambert, Bertha Mrs.
Landis, Sarah A. Mrs.
Lautenschlager, Susan Miss
Lutz, Reuben
Lorensten, Frances C Mrs.
Moyer James H.
Moyer, Elizabeth A. Mrs.
Murray, Ella Mrs.
Nothnagle, George [Mrs.
Raymond, (Gambee) Lottie
Reed, John S.
Reed, Caroline L. Mrs.
Ritter, R. William
Ritter, Martha A. Mrs.
Rothwell, Edward Wm.
Rothwell, Thomas [Mrs.
Saegar, (Kemmery) Delly N.
St. John, (Swartz) Jennie Mrs.
Sammel, Stephen
Sammel, Margaret Mrs.
Schaeffer, Laura Miss
Schaeffer, Priscilla Mrs.
Schaeffer, (Swartz) U. Mrs.
Schroyer, Elizabeth Mrs.
Shankwiler, Elizabeth Mrs.
Sheridan, Margaret Mrs.
Smith, Jacob
Stahl, Mary Mrs.
Stahl, John Henry
Stahl, (Garnet) Susan Mrs.
Stahl, (Litzenberger) Mary J. Mrs.
Stofflet, Eliza A. Miss
Swartz, Catharine Mrs.
Townley, Eliza Mrs.
Waldron, Sally Mrs.
Willers Diedrich
Yodder, Eliza Mrs.
Zellner, Elias
Zellner, Mary A. Mrs.
Zellner, Maggie Mrs.

REV. GEORGE W. KERSHNER.

Rev. George W. Kershner, pastor of Christ Reformed church, Fayette, is a native of Pennsylvania. His ancestors belonged to that band of religious refugees, who like the Pilgrim Fathers, came to our western shores to find liberty of conscience and freedom of worhip. The Reformed church of the Palatinate, like her sister church, the Reformed church of Holland, is a martyr church. From this stock the subject of this sketch descended. His early home was the typical home of eastern Pennsylvania—simple, pious, free without being lax, strong without being puritanical. His education was commenced in the public school and continued in the academy of his native place, Friedensburg, Pa. At the age of 14 he united with the Reformed church, and at the same age, too, he commenced to teach in the public school. In 1871, he entered the sophomore class of Franklin and Marshall college, graduating in 1874. Immediately after graduation, he secured the position of Principal in the High School at Ashland, Pa., and two years later was promoted to that of Superintendent of all the schools of the Borough, 21 in number. At this time he commenced to read law but before he was admitted to the bar, his earlier and stronger desire to enter the Christian ministry re-asserted itself and in 1879 he entered the Theological Seminary at Princeton, where he studied theology for two years in that venerable school of the prophets, completing his theological course, however, in the seminary of his own church at Lancaster, Pa., in 1882. His first charge was at Stroudsburg, Pa. It was a mission charge. By the grace of God he succeeded,in the face of many obstacles, in building a beautiful church and in gathering a flourishing congregation. In the Spring of 1888 he left Stroudsburg to accept the pastorate of Christ Church, Fayette, N. Y., where he has since labored, he trusts,to the glory of God, and to the appreciation and spiritual welfare of his people.



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TOWN OF SENECA FALLS.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SENECA FALLS.

AT A MEETING called for the purpose and held in the old school house on North Park street, on June 5, 1828, it was "Unanimously Resolved: that it is expedient to form a conference preparatory to being constituted a church"; also "that the conference hold monthly meetings on the Saturday before the last Saturday of each month". Ten persons were present at this

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meeting, viz: Abner Carey, Harris Usher, L. P. Noble, Polly Wheeler, Charlotte Long, Mary Anne Cross, Phebe Cross, Elizabeth Carey, Hulda Silsbee, and Harriet Noble, none of whom are living. At this meeting Abner Carey was chosen moderator and L. P. Noble clerk. Agreeably to this last vote a second meeting was held on June 28th, and a valuable addition secured in the person of Orsamus Allen, who had completed a course of study in Hamilton Theological Seminary and now came here under the pat-

ronage of the New York Baptist missionary conventien, for active service in the ministry of the gospel in response to letters of Mr. Nelson Payne, who, led by Bible study, wished to unite only with a Baptist Church. Articles of faith and a church covenant were presented at this meeting, but laid over for future consideration. July 16, 1828, legal notice having been given, a meeting was held in the school house for incorporation as "The First Baptist society in the village of Seneca Falls." The following persons were elected trustees: Ebenezer Ingalls, Harris Usher, John M. Wheeton, Jonathan Metcalf, Nathan Farnsworth, Samuel Bradley, L, P. Noble, Abram Payne, and Thomas Royston. These met immediately, chose John Metcalf, president, L. P. Noble, clerk, and Harris Usher, treasurer of the board of trustees, adopted a seal and appointed a committee to report to the board the terms on which a lot suitable for a church could be obtained. July 26, Fanny Spear united with the conference, and on August 30, Theophilus Cross and wife increased the constituent members to 14. Thirteen articles of faith and a church covenant were adopted at the same time. This is the foundation of the First Baptist Church in the village of Seneca Falls.

On September 15 of the same year a council was called for the double purpose of receiving recognition as a church and of having Mr. Allen ordained. Only five of the nine churches invited responded, but four other churches sent representatives; so the council consisted of nineteen delegates from nine churches. At this council, the church received recognition and fellowship, and Rev. Orsamus Allen was ordained as its first pastor. The services were held in the Presbyterian "meeting house." At the covenant meeting following, October 25, Mr. Allen was formally chosen pastor, L. P. Noble, clerk, and Abner Carey, deacon. Mr. Allen's salary was "$200 per year and firewood." His pastorate closed March 25, 1832. His work was excellent; forty-five united by baptism, among whom, esteemed for their work's sake and remembered by the church to-day, were Nelson Payne, Alanson Morehouse, Mrs. Catharine Miller, and Mrs. Lucy Eastman.

The first church edifice, erected on Center street, on the rear of the lot now occupied by the present structure, was a frame building 36x44 feet, with a steeple, and a basement under the whole. The lot was purchased of G. V. Sackett for $200. The building cost, as nearly as can be ascertained, $1,835.56. A lot was first selected on Bridge street, though Mr. Payne offered to give one on the north side of the river in the vicinity of Clinton street, south of New York Central railroad. Had that offer been accepted, the church would be spared the anxiety of a church site and church building on the north side of the river. The corner stone of the present church building was laid in 1868 and the building dedicated on March 4, 1869, Rev. W. H. Maynard, D. D., preaching the sermon. The cost of the lot, together with the house adjoining on the west, was $2,500, and the church building cost $11,800.

The following is a list of the pastors and years of service since the church organization to present date: Rev. Orsamus Allen, two years, nine months; Rev. Henry C. Vogel, two years, nine months; Rev. John Jeffers, two years; Rev. Zenas Freeman, three years; Rev. E. R. Pinny, two years; Rev. Nathan Baker, four years, one month; Rev. W. H. Haff, one year, three months; Rev. William Frary, one year; Rev. William Leggett, one year, two months; Rev. J. B. Pitman, two years; Rev. Ira Smith, eight months; Rev. C. C. Hart, seven months; Rev. William Rees, one year; Rev. Ferris Scott, five years, four months; Rev. Ira Bennett, two years, nine months: Rev. B. F. Garfield, two years, three months; Rev. William R. Wright, five years, two months; Rev. T. E. Williams, six months; Rev. R. B. Montgomery, one year, two months; Rev. John Gilchrist, two years, six months; Rev. Seward Robson, four years, four months; Rev. S. H. White, two years, two months. Rev. S. M. Newland, the present pastor, began his pastorate April 1, 1892.

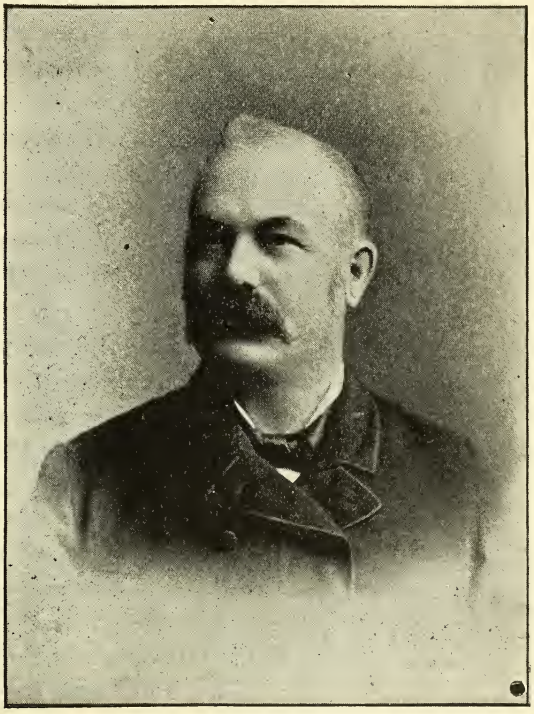
LIST OF MEMBERS.

Mrs. Phoebe Dey, (oldest living member)
Mrs. Saloma Wessel
Mrs. Sarah A. Roberts
Miss Catharine McClary
Mrs. Rachael Burnett
Mrs. Caroline Buck
Mrs. Mariette Nichols
Mrs. Aurelia O'Neil
Mrs. Rosalina Thomas
Mrs. M. H. Adkinson
Miss Mary M. Burtnett
Mrs. Sarah U. Hopkins
Miss Sarah Keeler
Mrs. Mary Alley
Miss Delia Webster
Mrs. E. J. Beach
Mrs. Anna Siegrest
Miss Carrie Miller
Mrs. David Philips
Dr. R. B. Covert
Mrs. Sarah A. Covert
Miss Mary E. Sisson
Erastus C. Beach
Olof Sylvander
Mrs. Matilda Sylvander
Mrs. Fanny E. Davis
Mrs. Mary Corwin
Henry Lienhart
Norman Gott
Fred Siegrest
Mrs. Caroline Gott
Mrs. Harriet Van Order
Mrs. Harriet Preston
Mrs. Evaline E. Smith
W. H. Van Tine
Mrs. Selina G. Van Tine
Mrs. Mary E. Craig
Mrs. Mary E. Warner
Mrs. Clara A. Bradley Boyd
Mrs. Harriet Stahl
Mrs. Jael Lienhart
Lewis French
Thomas Grogatt
Miss Jennie Wicks
Mrs. Nancy W. Larzelere
Mrs. Emma E. Siegrest
Miss Etta Thompson
Mrs. Josephine Thornton
Mrs. Mary A. French
Mrs. Minerva Matkin
Miss Lena R. Barrett
Alby T. Diltz
Charles E. Cartwright
Mrs. Anna Cartwright
James Miller
Mrs. Sarah Miller
Mrs. Elizabeth H. Burch
Miss Una M. Young
Mrs. Filinda Crumb
Mrs. Lotta T. Lane
Mrs. Jennie Ayers
Mrs. Matilda Ivins
Mrs. Jessie B. Grogatt
James D. Huff
Mrs. Maggie E. Huff
Miss Mary E Huff
David W. Ayers
Mrs. Mary McBain
Mrs. Lena Dresser
Edward M. Boucher
Mrs. Nancy A. Coats
Peter A. Stahl
Mrs. Emma L Doty
George H. Stull
Mrs. Annie E. Hawley
John Speed
Mrs. Susan Howell
Mrs. Flora F. Diltz
Eugene Shook
Miss Blanche Hoster
William Lay
Alvah Stahl
Mrs. Elizabeth Sprague
Mrs. A. Rhymer
Miss Lydia M. Harrison
John Pow
Mrs. Mary A. Pow
Miss Amanda Wheeler
Rev. S. M. Newland
Mrs. Julia A. Newland
Ransford Button
Mrs. Eliza C. Button
Mrs. L. M. Powell
Miss Katie Harder
Mrs. Matilda Clark
John Brooks
Mrs. Julia Barrett
Mrs. Anna Proudfoot

Miss Lena Royston
Jacob H. Flickinger
Mrs. Martha L. Flickinger
Mrs. Lilly Vanderbilt
Miss Jessie Hopkins
Mrs. Mary Reed
Mrs. Susan Stevenson
Miss Mary Lienhart
Miss Lucy Lienhart
Miss Martha Lienhart
Lewis Burch
Mrs. Catharine Peck
Albert L. Baker
Mrs. Martha E. Baker
Mrs. Lilly Gambee
Frederick E. Morehouse
Mrs. Lyda Morehouse
Edwin I. French
Mrs. Edwin I. French
Miss Delia Jordan
Thomas Brooks
Mrs. Thomas Brooks
Charles S. Wright
Mrs. Charles Wright
Mrs. E. J. Risley
Miss Cora Covert
Miss Nellie Jones
Miss Lulu Crumb
Miss Carrie Gott
Miss Ada Huff
Miss Libbie Huff
Miss Grace Stahl
Samuel Pickard
Mrs. Samuel Pickard
Miss Eva Pickard
Jessie S. Cory
Mrs. Carrie E. Cory
Mrs. Anna Bordner
Miss Julia E. Bordner
William E. Bordner
Lewis N. Howell
George W. Howell
Miss Annie L. Howell
Miss Florence F. Howell
Mrs. Elizabeth Stahl
Eugene Logan
Orville D. Young
Miss Hattie Howell
Miss Jennie E. Worden
George Rice
Mrs. Hattie L. Rice
Mrs. Anna Wheeler
Mrs. Mattie Lay
Mrs. Nellie Sutherland
Miss Edith Miller
Miss Libbie Earle
Miss Anna Brown
Grant Risley
Miss Ella Ayers
Mrs. Lena Barrett
Miss May Millman
Mrs. Mary Doty
Mrs. Mary Sanderson
Mrs. Mary Brown
Clinton E. Davis
Mrs. Lydia V. Davis
Miss Nora E. Watson
Miss Addie Smith
Clifford Humphrey
Mrs. Margaret Randall
Mrs. James Beach
Mrs. Fannie Hudson
Mrs. Nellie Cox

REV. SAMUEL M. NEWLAND.

Rev. Samuel M. Newland, the present pastor of the Baptist Church of Seneca Falls, was born of Christian parentage at Amity, N. Y., on the 7th of June, 1849. His father was a Baptist minister, and at a very early age the subject of this sketch felt that he was called to preach the gospel. When he was only about six years old, his father, while in the pulpit, was stricken with paralysis from which he never recovered, although his life was prolonged about nineteen years. This sad affliction necessitated, in a measure, the



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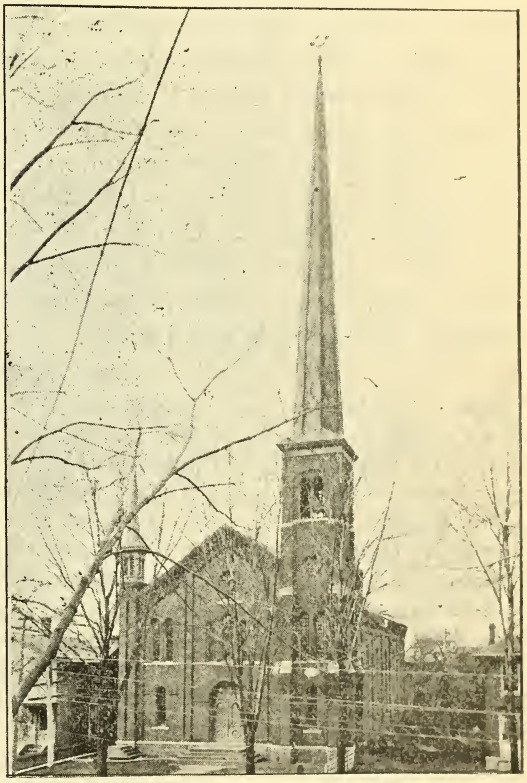
breaking up of the family of eight children, the eldest being fourteen years of age. Several of the children, Samuel among the number, found homes in Christian families. The parents' hearts were deeply saddened as they saw their children thrust out so early in life from the shelter of home, upon a somewhat friendless world. Samuel found a home with a farmer, a Christian man, continued to be a regular attendant of church and Sunday school, and for a few months in the year attended the district school. At the age of seventeen he was converted; though, now, doubtless because of some of the very severe hardships and trials that had come to him and the family, he fought hard against his early convictions that he might preach the gospel. He graduated from the union and classical school of Phelps when about twenty. After this,

while still pursuing his studies and readings for what he believed must be his life's work, he taught school several terms, and for some years was a successful clerk in a large dry goods house, with a much better salary than he has ever received or ever hopes to recieve for preaching; yet so strong were his convictions, feeling somewhat as did Paul, when he said "Woe is me if I preach not this gospel," that he left this position and entered the ministry. He was licensed in the year 1875 and commenced preaching occasionally. He was married in 1878, and soon after commenced to preach regularly three times upon the Sabbath day, besides pursuing his theological studies, and doing much outside work, but in a few months he was laid aside by what, it was at first feared, would result in paralysis of the brain. Thus, almost at the beginning of his ministerial life, he was forced, upon the advice of physicians, to give up all thought of further study or preaching, and for six years he followed the life of a farmer, but so strong were his convictions that with recovered health, again, in 1885, he commenced preaching, and resumed his studies in the Rochester Theological Seminary from which he graduated in 1889.

He has held but two pastorates, though he has supplied other churches. The first was Clifton Springs, where he began while still in school, with fourteen members, without a church building of any kind, and very little money among this small membership. He left this church in the spring of 1892 with a nice church building free from debt and a membership of eighty. In March, 1892, he came, to Seneca Falls, where his pastorate has seen a steady and marked advancement in church life, and more than fifty per cent net gain in membership. Mr. Newland has a sympathetic nature, probably deepened somewhat by the severe discipline of his young life. He is a plain, gospel preacher, bold and uncompromising in his utterance against sins of every kind, and especially outspoken upon the great saloon curse of this village and of the nation. Those who listen to him, while they may not agree with all he says, are at least convinced that he is not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, but that he regards it as the "power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SENECA FALLS.

THE First Congregational church of Seneca Falls, N. Y., was organized December 19th, 1869, with a membership of eighty. Its officers were, at time of organization: Pastor, Rev. W. W. Lyle; deacons, Horace Seekell, William Conkling, Abraham Failing; church committee, William Smalley, Edward Medden, L. F. Crowell, Mrs. H. Duell, Mrs. C. Smalley, Mrs. A. J. Gardner; clerk, Horace W. Knight; treasurer, William L. Bellows; trustees of ecclesiastical society—E. Medden, president; W. L. Bellows, clerk; Harvey Benham, R. C. Dunham, W. Smalley, C. Seekell, L. F. Crowell; superintendent Sunday school, Edward Medden. The corner stone of the church building was laid August 19, 1870, the Rev, T. K. Beecher of Elmira, making the address on the theme—"Why am I a Congregationalist?" The corner stone was laid by Mr. Childs and lies in the northeast corner of the tower. The church was completed at a cost of $30,000 and formally dedicated and opened for public worship, September 21, 1871. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. Edward Taylor, D. D., of Binghamton, N. Y., from the 96th Psalm, 6th verse. The first pastor of this church was Rev. W. W. Lyle, from 1869 to 1873, who resigned his pastorate because of ill health after four years of faithful service. Rev. Mr. Smith succeeded him in 1874, and then in regular line of succession, either as stated supply or as installed pastor, were the following clergymen—Rev. Mr. Minor, Rev. Mr. Bradford, Rev. A. E. Kinmouth, Rev. Mr. Bell, Rev. Peter Lindsay, Rev. G. A. Rawson, Rev. H. Margetts, Rev. A. W. Taylor.



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The following are the present officers of the church: Pastor, Rev. A. W. Taylor; deacons, William L. Bellows, L. H. Cary, Richard Please, William Littlejohn, Charles Babcock; church committee, Mrs. Edwin Medden, Mrs. Mary Littlejohn, Mrs. H. W. Knight, Mrs. Peter Troutman, Mr. George

Morris, Mr. G. R. Stearns; clerk, William L. Bellows; treasurer, Horace W. Knight; trustees, William R. Walker, president; F. C. Beebe, secretary; H. W. Knight, treasurer; G. R. Stearns, Charles Knight, E. Medden and P. Troutman. The officers of the Sabbath school are: Charles Babcock, superintendent; Frank J. Howe, assistant superintendent: Miss Anna Fenn, secretary and treasurer. Officers of the Ladies' Aid society: Mrs. G. R. Stearns, president; Mrs. Peter Troutman, secretary; Miss Sarah Medden, treasurer. Officers of the Missionary society: Mrs. H. W. Knight, president; Mrs. Jessie Telford, vice-president; Mrs. Charles Curtis, secretary; Mrs. Peter Troutman, treasurer. Officers of the King's Daughters; Mrs. A. W. Taylor, president; Miss Ella Drew, vice-president; Mrs. Harry Brim, secrerary; Mrs. Charles Knight, treasurer. Officers of the Y. P. S. C. E: Frank J. Howe, president; Ernest Runge, vice-president; Nellie Oatman, secretary; George Morris, treasurer. Of those holding office in the church at the time of its organization but seven remain, viz. William L. Bellows, H. W. Knight, L. Crowell, C. Seekell, Edward Medden, Nelson Seekell, and Wm. Smalley, now of Bay City, Mich. Of these, Mr. Bellows, Mr. Knight and Mr. Medden have continued in office since the church's organization and are still efficient and trusted workers. The church with its different societies is in healthy condition, free from debt and active.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

William L. Bellows
Mrs. Caroline P. Bellows
Charles W. Seekell
Mrs. Almira Seekell
Edwin Medden
Mrs. Sarah Medden
Lyman F. Crowell
Mrs. Sarah Crowell
Horace W. Knight
Mrs. Sophia Knight
Mrs. Mary Crosby
Mrs. Eliza A. King
Mrs. Mary Littlejohn
Mrs. Margaret Cross
Peter Feeck
Miss Mary Ellen Berry
Mrs. Mary Benham
Mrs. Martha Berry
Mrs. William Harpst
Mrs. Mary Hubbard
George Stevenson
Garret Bellows
Mrs. Hannah Bradley
Mrs. Elizabeth Eastwood
William Frutig
Mrs. Mary Frutig
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REV. A. W. TAYLOR.

Rev. A. W. Taylor, pastor of the Memorial Congregational Church of Seneca Falls, was born in Toronto, Canada, June 10th, 1862. He prepared for college in the High School and immediately entering the University, graduated with the bachelor's degree in philosophy. Feeling called to the ministry, he entered the divinity school at Oberlin, graduating from that institution with the degree of bachelor of divinity in 1884. He studied anatomy and medicine one year in the office of a regular practitioner, attending lectures for a short time in the Buffalo Medical college. Finding a path open to a further study in philosophy, he resumed the work in this line, taking a post-graduate course of two years, earning the degree of master of arts. He received a call to the Congregational Church at Rushville, in 1888, and passed there a very successful pastorate of five years, when he received a call to his present field of labor. In 1893 he was married to Harriett Newman, only daughter of Hon. W. A. Carson, M. D. of Rushville N. Y. He is now completing the third year of his ministry in Seneca Falls.

THE CHRISTADELPHIAN SOCIETY, SENECA FALLS.

CHRISTADELPHIANS, or Brethren in Christ, is the name adopted by a denomination represented in Seneca Falls by a small band of earnest students of the Bible. This denomination originated in the religious experience of John Thomas, M. D., of Philadelphia, who, on his passage from England, in 1832, had been religiously awakened during a severe storm, and, arriving in this country, had joined the Baptist followers of Alexander Campbell. Dissatisfied with their teachings, the doctor commenced to search for himself, and, in 1834, began publishing a monthly periodical called The Apostolic Advocate. He did not withdraw from their communion, however, or attempt any separate form of organization, although engaged in continuous controversy with Dr. Campbell, until 1844. The first formal statement of his belief was made in the course of ten lectures in New York City, in 1846. The adoption of the name or denominational title was made in 1863, during the Civil War. The followers of Dr. Thomas were non-combatants, and in order to avail themselves of the laws exempting from military service, members of churches having religious scruples against bearing arms, it was necessary that they have an organization and church name. Accordingly the proper certificate, signed by S. W. Coffman and nine other "males of full age" was filed with the secretary of state in the State of New York. The principal paragraph in this certificate is as follows:

> This is also to certify, that the denomination constituted of the associations or ecclesias of this name, conscientiously opposes, and earnestly protests against 'Brethren in Christ' having anything to do with politics in wordy strife, or arms-bearing in the service of the Sin-powers of the world under any conceivable circumstances or conditions whatever; regarding it as a course of conduct disloyal to the Deity in Christ, their Lord and King, and perilous to their eternal welfare. This being individually and collectively the conscientious conviction of all true Christadelphians, they claim and demand the rights and privileges so considerately accorded by the Congress of the United States, in the statute made and provided for the exemption of members of a denomination conscientiously opposed to bearing arms in the service of any human government.

The Seneca Falls society was founded in 1872, the leading members being James Dobson, Ambrose Short, and Samuel Short. It has never owned a house of worship, but rents permanently a hall for its regular Sunday services. This Christadelphian hall was for many years before the fire of 1890 located in the Daniels block, and the society has lately established itself in the new building of the same name. The denomination has no specially ordained priests, but takes the authority for its teachers in the divine injunction "Let him that heareth say, Come." Its organization is simple, consisting of two presiding brothers and a treasurer, who are elected annually. The present presiding officers are James Algire and W. P. Wentworth, and the treasurer is Robert Short. A Sunday school is maintained with Mrs. Wentworth as superintendent, she being assisted by a number of teachers.

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SENECA FALLS.

IN 1835, a few Catholics residing in Seneca Falls sent an invitation to Rev. Francis O'Donohoe, then recently located at Auburn, to visit them. Father O'Donohoe kindly accepted the invitation and requested that information be sent to Springport, Ovid, Waterloo, Geneva and other neighboring towns, so that the few Catholics of those towns might also have the benefit of his visit. It was the fourth day of October 1835, that the first mass was cele-

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brated in Seneca Falls. The sacrifice was offered in the house owned by Henry Graham, on Center street. The room was small, and therefore was crowded by the numbers who attended, and the floor was weak. Just in the middle of the mass the floor gave way and all were precipitated into the cellar. Providentially, no one was hurt. In the midst of the disaster the priest held on to the chalice, and as soon as the cellar window, which was large, could be taken out, he walked out and across the street to James Hurley's house and finished the mass. In the afternoon all again assembled, and Father O'Donohoe announced that it would be necessary for them to get some building that would be large enough to accommodate all, and to form a congregation. Then an organization was perfected by electing Henry Graham, John McGurn

and Michael Flynn, trustees, and James Hurley, clerk. Father O'Donohoe opened the subscription with ten dollars. Others followed until $129 were subscribed. The subscription was kept open until May 24, 1836, when it reached the sum of $291.45. A small building was then purchased on Swaby street, and, though neither lathed nor plastered, it afforded them much comfort and answered all purposes.

During the winter the priest seldom came, but the congregation assembled regularly on Sundays to have prayers offered and the rosary said, and the children would be taught the catechism. Collections were taken to defray expenses, the first one amounting to only three cents. At the formal opening of the church in April, 1836, $16.88 were contributed. Pennies were scarce and silver scarce. Once only was the plate returned empty. As a stove was needed, a collection was started in November and continued until April, and resulted in obtaining $23.00. Wood then cost two dollars a cord, and the first purchase was half a cord. The church was dedicated under the title of St. Jerome. The following names were among those prominent in the early organization: Henry Graham, Patrick Quinn, Thomas and John Sullivan, John McGurn, Michael McGraw, Jer. Mullen, James Harley, Michael Flynn, Patrick Gregory and Dennis Dwyer. The latter came to Seneca Falls in 1827; John Sullivan in 1833. There was much opposition encountered from the bigotry of prejudiced non-Catholics and the young church was persecuted, but it had many noble friends, among them Judge Sackett, who gave the present site, and Samuel Bayard who donated liberally.

Right Reverend John Hughes, bishop of New York, stopped here at one time and inquired into the condition of church and people, but no confirmation was given until Bishop Timon came in 1848. Father O'Donohoe was an elderly gentleman, of fine physique, very genial and social, and fond of children. When he would come to the village the children would meet him on the road, and as many as could ride in his buggy he would take, and the others would walk beside him, talking as they went along. The life of a Catholic priest in those days was laborious. Father O'Donohoe's mission extended from Auburn to Canandaigua, Ithaca, Elmira and intermediate places. Sick calls were many and scattered, and the traveling was wearisome. He was succeeded by Father Grace, who died soon after in Auburn.

The little church of St. Jerome had to be enlarged in 1841, under the pastorate of Rev. Patrick Bradley, who had succeeded Father Grace. Father Bradley opened the subscription with ten dollars and obtained $128 which was very gratifying to the congregation. The total expenditures from June, 1837, to April, 1838, amounted to $50.34; from June, 1836, to March, 1837, $35.35 Father Bradley was a man of large frame, had long black hair, heavy eyebrows, and had a strong accent. He was a kind and companionable man, and loved to mingle with the people. He remained until 1845, when he was

succeeded by Rev. Thomas O'Flaherty, who made a unique announcement on his arrival. It was short and easily understood. "My dear people, you mind your business, and I will mind mine." During Father O'Flaherty's time the new church of St. Thomas was projected, which is the front part of the present church. Father O'Flaherty laid the foundation and Father Carroll, his successor, finished it. The church was forty by sixty feet in dimensions.

In those days Peter Rooney taught the boys the catechism, having them learn one question a day through the week, and recite on Sunday afternoon. After the recitation he played foot ball with them to keep them from the saloons. In February of 1848, Rt. Rev. John Timon, who had been consecrated bishop of Buffalo on October 17, 1847. came to Seneca Falls and, assisted by Fathers O'Flaherty and Sheridan gave a retreat to the people, which lasted three days. The little church held but two hundred, and there were that many communions, and fifty-three were confirmed. The Rev. Wm. Carroll came to Seneca Falls in 1851, and during his stay of three years he completed the front portion of of the present church, 40x60 feet. Rev. Michael O'Brien, the present pastor of St. Patrick's church, Lowell, Mass., sang the first mass in the church. Father Carroll remained until 1854, when he was succeeded by Father Welsh, who remained but one year. Father Carroll was the first priest to reside in the parish. Father Brady, who came in October, 1855, was a young man, zealous, enthusiastic, a forcible and logical preacher, a great student and eager to see his people rise in the world. He started a debating society for the older members of the congregation, which was not only instructive but very enjoyable. He also organized a sodality of young ladies, which flourished for a while. He also organized a St. Vincent de Paul society for the relief of the poor, which continued for years and which afforded help to many families. He purchased the organ now used in the church. He was an ardent temperance advocate. So strong were his views on this question that he would not use liquor even to save life. He had made a resolution at his ordination that he would labor night and day, in season and out of season, to suppress this vice. He was a strict disciplinarian in school, but would join with the children in their games on the play ground. He was an accomplished musician, and beloved by all. When the war broke out he joined the army as chaplain, and died from broken health. Father Brady was succeeded by Rev. Charles McMullen, June, 1859, who remained until November 1860. During his pastorate a meeting was held in September 1860, over which Martin O'Neill presided and J. Smith was secretary. The meeting was held to devise means for the support of the school. Rev. James McGlew succeeded Father McMullen, but remained only five months. He was watchful over the children and ever solicitous for their every want. He was succeeded by Rev. Edward McGowan, who remained until March, 1865, Father McGowan purchased the cemetery and also built an addition to the church and had it named in honor of St. Patrick, this was the third name

given to the parish, each new building having received a christening. Father McGowan was succeeded by Rev. Michael O'Brien, who remained only a few months, and was followed by Rev. Hugh Mulholland who remained one year. Rev. Martin Kavanaugh was appointed pastor in August, 1866, and remained until April, 1869. Rev. L. A. Lambert was temporarily in charge for a few months, and was succeeded by Rev. Terrance Keenan, who had been for several years pastor at Waterloo and Ovid. Father Keenan died suddenly on August 16, 1870, and his body was taken to Lockport, the home of his sister, Mrs. Hiram McCollum, for burial. In November of 1870, Rev. Bernard McCool was appointed pastor and remained until his death in February 1879. Rev. George J. Osborne was appointed to Seneca Falls and remained until March, 1886, and was succeeded by Rev. William A. McDonald who remained until July, 1890. During Father Osborne's pastorate there were extensive repairs and improvements made in the church, involving a large indebtedness. Rev. A. M. O'Neil was placed in charge until February 1891, when he was succeeded by the present pastor, Rev. James O'Connor. During Father O'Connor's pastorate, the church has been very prosperous. Large payments have been made on the church debt, and the property has been kept in excellent repair. A recent fair, held under the auspices of the ladies of the church, netted over $4,000. The church trustees are James K. Crelly and Thomas J. Clary. A parochial school is maintained in connection with the church. It is in charge of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Sister Superior Dorothea and five other Sisters constituting the faculty. About four hundred children are enrolled, and the school is noted for doing excellent work.

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Dennis Mackin
Mrs. Joseph Beh
Frank McGuire
Bernard Devlin
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James Fay
Ella Fay
Lawrence Halpin
John Cunningham
Thomas Plunkett
John Christy
Mrs. Thomas Gilmore
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John Farron
James O'Hara
Patrick McGuire
Thomas Dowdle
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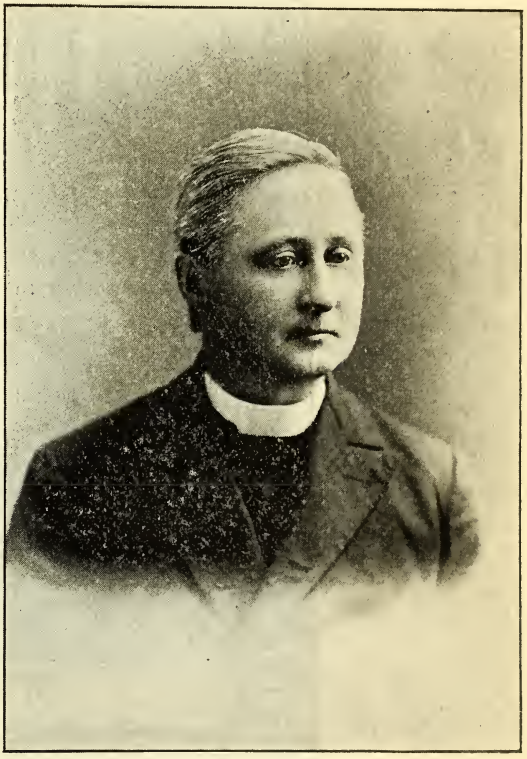
REV. JAMES O'CONNOR.

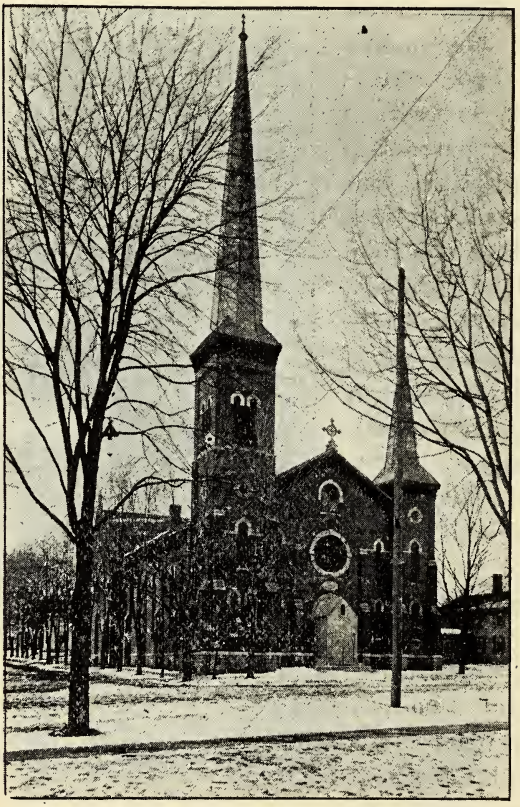
Rev. James O'Connor, pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic church at Seneca Falls, was born in the town of Wheatland, Monroe county, N. Y., April 8, 1844, and is a son of John and Winnifred Dooley O'Connor, both of whom were natives of Ireland, but who emigrated to the United States at an early day. At first they located in New York city, afterwards removed to Rochester, and later settled in the village of Scottsville, in the town of Wheatland, where the father died in 1855, at the age of forty years. The mother survived him until 1879, and at her death was sixty-seven years of age. They were the parents of nine children, five sons and four daughters, our subject being fifth in order of birth. His education was obtained in the district schools, and in Niagara University, from which he was graduated in 1867. The same year he was ordained priest by Bishop Timon, of Buffalo, N. Y. His first charge was at St. Mary's Church at Rochester, where he was assistant pastor, and he was later pastor of the Church at Weedsport for one year. He was then transferred to the village of Ovid, in Seneca County, where he remained six and one-half years, and from that place went to St. Bridget's Church, Rochester, remaining fifteen years. In 1891 he came to Seneca Falls as pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, which is the largest congregation in the county, there being at least two thousand four hundred souls in the parish. Since being ordained to the priesthood, Father O'Connor has been very successful, as is attested by his long service here. He is a man calculated to win the love and esteem of his parishioners, who go to him without fear for counsel. He has always been interested in the cause of temperance.



REV. JAMES O'CONNOR.

FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF SENECA FALLS.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL itinerants, pushing out into the then western wilderness that bordered their outlying circuits, were the pioneers of Christian ministers of Seneca Falls, and held the first religious services in this village in 1797. Soon after the organization of the county, in 1804, the Seneca circuit was formed, extending from the Clyde river to the Chemung, with Seneca Falls as one of the "appointments," to be visited regularly by the preachers once in four or six weeks. In 1812, a "class" existed, and meetings



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were held regularly in Case Cole's log house, which was situated at the present corner of Ovid and Bayard streets. Eight members of this class were Case Cole, Nathaniel Sweet, and Messrs. Witham and Flynn, with their wives. With the removal of some of the members, this class was broken up a little later, and another formed about three miles north, holding its meetings at Moses Gardner's, on the Black Brook road; also another class was formed, a few miles south-east at Canoga. At one or the other of these, Seneca Falls Methodists attended for several years. In 1828, another class was formed in the village, with meetings held at the residence of Peter Marceleous on Bridge

street, nearly opposite the present Franklin House. Belonging to this class were Peter Marceleous and wife, his sister, Mary Ann, Phoebe Petty, afterwards Mrs. Schoonover, Jane Moore, afterwards Mrs. Stearns, Mrs. Pitcher, and Catharine Mead, afterwards Mrs. McKee.

The Black Brook class now united with that of Seneca Falls, making the total membership twenty-five, when, on January 6, 1829, "The Seneca Falls society of the Methodist Episcopal church," was incorporated by the election of Ansel Bascom, James Essex, Joseph Metcalf, Stephen B. Gay, and Peter Marceleous, as trustees. The meeting for organization was held at the residence of Benjamin Keeney, and certified to by John M. Odell and James Essex, as presiding officers. Messrs. Bascom and Gay were not members of the church. Rev. William Kent was the preacher in charge, and Rev. Abner Chase was presiding elder of the district. A subscription for building a church was started, headed with $200 by Joseph Metcalf, the only freeholder among the membership, Andrew Brown signed $25, and others smaller sums. July 30, 1830, Wilhelmus Mynderse deeded the present site of the church to the trustees, Joseph Metcalf, John Isaacs, Andrew Brown, John M. Wheaton and Henry Marceleous. New names appearing on the list are Blaisdel and Pearson. The church edifice, which was of brick, was commenced in the summer of 1830, and amid many discouragements, enclosed and roofed, so that, with rude seats, it could be occupied. During the winter, Peter and Henry Marceleous worked in finishing the interior, taking for their only compensation, food and fuel, donated by the membership, sufficient to support their families. Joseph Metcalf advanced the money for materials. In the spring of 1831, the same year Seneca Falls village was incorporated, the church was finished at a total cost of $3,000.

In 1833, Seneca Falls was detached from the circuit and has since been an independent "station" In 1834, Levi Rogers and Lorana, his wife, for the consideration of one dollar, gave the society a deed for the parsonage property. In 1857, under the pastorate of Rev. A. N. Filmore, the church was remodeled and enlarged at a cost of nearly $3,000. The trustees at this time were Willard Metcalf, Samuel Smith, Francis W. Henry, Robert C. Sickles, George Roberts, George Van Alstine, Dr. H. H. Heath, D. L. Campbell and Michael Ernsberger. In 1871, Rev. E. P. Huntington being pastor, the old church was torn down and a new one erected at a cost of $21,000. It was dedicated July 24, 1872, Bishop Gilbert Haven, Rev. William L. Lloyd and Rev. R. Hogoboom conducted the dedicatory services. The trustees were Jacob P. Chamberlain, Edmund Worden, Peter M. Westbrook, Michael Hoster and Augustus Metcalf. The erection of the building was personally superintended by Mr. Chamberlain, who was a large subscriber to the building fund and advanced money upon the subscriptions. In 1873, the parsonage was repaired at a cost of $1,200, the entire expense being donated to the church by Mr. Chamberlain. In 1882, during the pastorate of Rev. A. N. Damon, the

auditorium was furnished with new and commodious seats, the altar and pulpit were re-built and the floor re-carpeted, the total expense of the repairs being $1,500, one-fourth of which was given by Gen. Henry T. Noyes. The illness and death of Hon. Jacob P. Chamberlain, before the subscriptions to the new building had all been settled, left the church in an unanticipated debt of $3,000 which was met by a mortgage give upon the property. During the pastorate of Rev. Thomas Tousey, 1884-87 this debt was paid, needed improvements were added to the basement and Sunday school rooms, and a bell, presented by J. Van Wyck Loomis, was placed in the tower. The whole amount expended in repairs during Mr. Tousey's pastorate was $1,500. Gen. Noyes being again a liberal subscriber, and his wife, a daughter of Hon. Jacob P. Chamberlain, making valuable donations of furniture, including a costly altar cloth. The trustees during this period were Charles D. Boardman, Richard Golder, Augustus Metcalf, Charles T. Andrews, Stephen Weatherlow, Ajah R. Palmer, and Joseph F. Simson. In 1888, during the pastorate of Rev. E. A. Tuttle, the parsonage was thoroughly rebuilt at a cost of $2,200, of which $700 was paid. In 1891, under the pastorate of Rev. C. E. Jewell, George H. Cushing, Albert M. Haney, Geo. W. Barlow, and Marcus Pease were elected trustees in place of Mr. Boardman deceased, and Palmer, Simson and Weatherlow resigned. In the spring of this year the young ladies of the church started a subscription for a pipe organ and, sufficient pledges being obtained, the organ was built by John J. Pole of Geneva at a cost, including electric motor, of $2,000. This sum, together with the parsonage debt was liquidated during Mr. Jewell's pastorate, but other expenses left a debt of $500, which has been provided for under the present pastorate of Rev. Arthur Copeland. In the spring of 1894, J. Van-Wyck Loomis presented the church another and larger bell, as a "Soldier's Memorial." It was formally received on Memorial Day, Cross Post, G. A. R., holding their exercises at the church, and Chas. T. Andrews, president of the board of trustees, accepting the gift. A society of Christian Endeavor was organized in the church, and, during the pastorate of Mr. Jewell, it was changed into an Epworth League. A Sunday school was started at an early day and has been continuously maintained. The church membership has steadily grown with the growth of the community, until it numbers about 400. Its Sunday school numbers 300, its Epworth League, Junior and Senior, 200. The church meets all its financial responsibilities, including the connectional apportionments, the sums raised for all purposes averaging $3,500 a year. It is its boast that for fifty years no pastor has gone from here with unpaid salary. During the pastorate of Mr. Copeland, it has raised larger sums for benevolences than ever before in its history, and, as the result of the union evangelistic services this winter, has just added ninety communicants, the greatest single increase ever made in its membership.

Previously to the establishment of Seneca Falls as a station, in 1833, the

preachers who ministered to its spiritual needs were the same that preached at all the other Methodist Episcopal societies in the county, they all belonging to the Seneca circuit. The names of those early itinerants that have come down to us are Revs. Riley, Bennett, Lanning, Billy Brown, Fairchild, Prindle, Gilmore, Kimberloin, Dodson, Loren Grant, Palmer Roberts, Chester Aldgate, Billy Jones, Kelsy, Snow and Sabins. These were prior to 1828. In that year Wm. Kent was appointed and remained two years. He was succeeded for two years by Revs. Jewett and Anderson, and was re-appointed in 1832. The next year Seneca Falls was made a station and he remained one year as its pastor. The pastors since then and their terms of service are as follows: Rev. Ebenezer Lattimer, 1834-35; Rev. Robert Parker, 1835-36; Rev. Thomas Carlton, 1836-37; Rev. John Easter, 1837-39; Rev. Seth Mattison, 1839-40; Rev. Ransley Harrington, 1840-42; Rev. D. F. Parsons, 1842-43; Rev. Calvin S. Coats, 1843-44; Rev. Alexander Farrell, 1844-46; Rev. Joseph T. Arnold, 1846-48; Rev. A. C. George, 1848-49; Rev. Ramsley Harrington, second appointment, 1849 50; Rev. Elijah Wood, 1850-52; Rev. David Crow, 1852-54; Rev. David Ferris, 1854-56; Rev. A. N. Filmore, 1856-58; Rev. William Hosmer, 1858-59; Rev. C. S. Coats, second appointment, 1859-60; Rev. J. W. Wilson, 1860-62; Rev. A. S. Baker, 1862-65; Rev. I. Watts, 1865-66; Rev. Martin Wheeler, 1866-69; Rev. E. P. Huntington, 1869-72; Rev. Isaac N. Gibbard, 1872-74; Rev. George S. White, 1874-76; Rev. H. B. Cassavant, 1876-79; Rev. Theron Cooper, 1879-81; Rev. A N. Damon, 1881-84; Rev. Thomas Tousey, 1884-87; Rev. E. A Tuttle, 1887-90; Rev Charles E. Jewell, 1890-94; Rev. Arthur Copeland, 1894, and present pastor. The presiding elders, who, as sub-bishops, have had charge of the districts in which Seneca Falls has been situated, since 1826, are in order as follows: Reverends Abner Chase, Gleason Filmore, Robert Birch, Loren Grant, Manly Tooker, Billy Hibbard, John Copeland, J. W. Nevins, Freeborn Garrettson Hibbard, Andrew Sutherland, J. K. Tuttle, J. H. Kellogg, R. Hogoboom, B. C. Ives, Benjamin Shove, U. S. Beebe, Theron Cooper, Luke C. Queal, John C. Nichols, U. S. Beebe, R. D. Munger.

The Seneca Falls society is in the Auburn district of the Central New York Conference. Under the itinerant plan of the church its present bishop is Edward G. Andrews, D. D., L. L. D., of New York City; its presiding elder is Rev. R. D. Munger of Auburn; its pastor, Rev. Arthur Copeland. The local officials are as follows: Trustees—Augustus Metcalf, Richard Golder, treasurer; Charles T. Andrews, chairman; George H. Cushing, secretary; and Marcus Pease, Albert P. Haney and George W. Barlow: Stewards—Charles T. Andrews, recording steward; George H. Cushing, district steward; Charles M. Sammel, treasurer of the Official Board; Samuel S. Kibbie, Stephen Weatherlow, Marcus Pease, Ajah R. Palmer, James Woodward Jr., Hiram L. Williams, Charles W. Neisie, Soren J. Strong, David B. Mosher,

Prof. F. S. Porter: Class leaders—William Haney, Richard Golder and William W. Wicks: Choir—Isaac Randall, basso; Mrs. George H. Cushing, soprano; James Schoonmaker, tenor; Miss Bessie Gould, alto; Miss Dora Bachman, organist. The officers of the Sunday School are: Superintendent, Charles T. Andrews; assistant superintendent, George H. Cushing; secretary, Milo Hopper; assistant secretary, John Wentz; treasurer, Mrs. S. McMichael; librarian, L. J. Strong; choirster, David B. Mosher; organist, Miss Stella Blakeney. The officers of the Epworth League are: President, C. W. Neisie: vice-presidents in charge of departments—spiritual work, D. J. Boardman; mercy and help, Miss Jennie Fisher; literary work, Miss Ella Pease; social work, Miss Cora Gould; secretaries, R. Palmer, Joe Troutman; treasurer, L. J. Strong. The Junior Epworth League was organized by Miss Amelia Mosher in 1893. She remained its president until her death in 1894. Mrs. Franc Harrison succeeded her, and she has been followed by Mrs. Frank Odell. Its membership is 90, and yearly offering $25. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was organized in 1877, by Mrs. Rev. H. B. Cassavant, has 30 active members and gives annually an average of $60. Its officers are: President, Mrs. Durling; first vice-president, Mrs. John Vreeland; second vice-president, Mrs. George Stevenson; treasurer and corresponding secretary, Mrs. Samuel McMichael; recording secretary, Mrs. Frank Odell. The Woman's Home Missionary Society was organized in January, 1895, by Mrs. Rev. Arthur Copeland. It has a present membership of 40, and makes an average yearly offering of $175. Its officers are: President, Mrs. Dr. J. F. Crosby; first vice-president, Mrs. Arthur Copeland; second vice-president, Miss Ida Golder; third vice-president, Miss Jessie Pew; treasurer, Mrs. Ajah Palmer; recording secretary, Miss Mina Eastman; corresponding secretary, Miss Genevieve Andrews.

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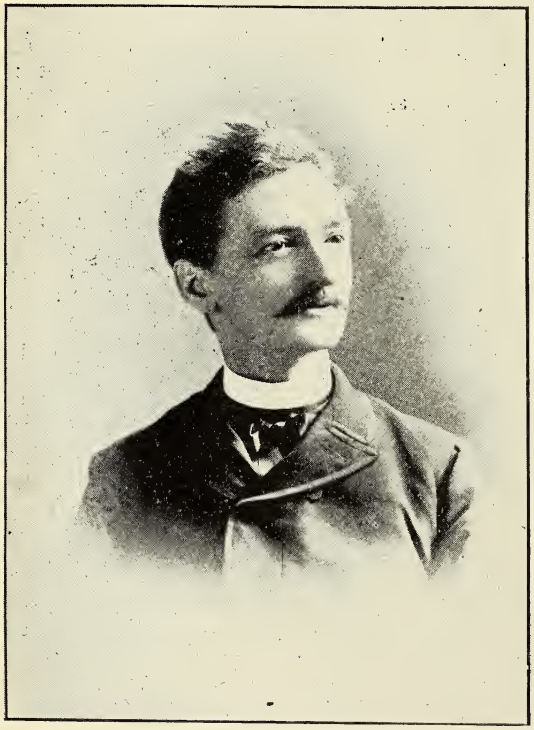
REV. ARTHUR COPELAND M. A.

Rev. Arthur Copeland, the present pastor of the First M. E. church at Seneca Falls, was born in Clarendon, N. Y., February 12, 1860. He was prepared for college in Brockport Normal school, Genesee Wesleyan Seminary and Cazenovia Seminary, from which last institution he graduated in 1880. He entered Syracuse University and graduated with his class in 1884. He then accepted a position in New York City as associate editor of the New York *Voice*, from which he went into the ministry of the M. E. church, joining the Central New York Conference in Syracuse, in 1885. His first charge was Cato, N. Y., from which, after six months, he was transferred to the pulpit and full charge of the First M. E. church in Auburn, in the absence of the regular pastor by reason of illness. This he held until the pastor's return, and at the following conference was assigned to Trinity M. E. church, Auburn, which society he created and built up, and from which, after two years service, he was transferred to Clyde, N. Y., and then, after three years, to Penn Yan, N. Y., from whence, after a very successful pastorate of three years he was sent to Seneca Falls. Mr. Copeland has also been active along other lines. He was candidate for school commissioner of Orleans county in 1884. He has been in demand on the lecture platform for several years, speaking at various Chautauquas in the States and Canada. His lectures on "Spurgeon and His Times," "Dean Stanley, the Broad Churchman," "John Ericsson, the Inventor," "Tennyson's Maud," and "Walt Whitman, the Poet of Democracy," have received much praise from literary critics and command increasing attention from the cultured public. In 1892, he was nominated by Dr. Charles F. Deems, the President of the American Institute of Christian Philosophy, to membership in that body, and was duly elected. Mr. Copeland has long been a well-known contributor to the church and periodical press, for which his education and travels at home and in Europe have made him well qualified.



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THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SENECA FALLS.

THE First Presbyterian Church of Seneca Falls, was organized on the 10th day of August, 1807, by Rev. Jedediah Chapman of Geneva, as "The First Presbyterian Church of Junius", of which town the present town of Seneca Falls was then a part. Its membership then consisted of eighteen persons. On August 20, 1808, Rev. John Stuart was installed as pastor and continued his services until 1812. He was then succeeded by Rev.

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C. Mosher, and he by Rev. Shipley Wells, from 1814 to 1816. Rev. S. M. Wheelock preached from 1817 to 1818. He was succeeded by Rev. William Bacon, who was installed as pastor and occupied the pulpit, from 1818 to about 1822, and then Rev. A. J. Orton was installed (in 1823), and remained in active and acceptable service for twelve years. His successor was Rev. William Gray, who was installed in 1835, and filled the pastorate until October, 1838, and was succeeded by Rev. Aaron Judson, who officiated as pastor for about eighteen months. Rev. P. L. Vail succeeded Mr. Judson in 1840, and acted as minister until the spring of 1843, when Rev. H. P. Bogue was installed. His services continued until 1848. In September, 1849, Rev.

Alexander McCall began his services as pastor, which continued until May, 1851. Rev. Josiah Hopkins, D. D., succeeded him in 1851, and officiated until 1855, when Rev. Charles Ray was installed in May, 1855, and remained until June, 1856. He was succeeded by Rev. William J. Jennings, who served the church from 1857 to May, 1862. Rev. Dr. A. D. Eddy became the minister of the church in 1862, and remained until the autumn of 1864, and was succeeded October 1, 1865, by Rev. Dr. Josephus D. Krum, who continued in service until May 28, 1879. He was succeeded in February, 1880, by Rev Lewis H. Morey, who ministered acceptably as pastor of the church until June, 1888. Mr. Morey was succeeded by the present pastor, Rev. Edwin H. Dickinson, in January, 1889, who is now in the eighth year of his acceptable service as the pastor of the church During intervals that have occurred the pulpit has been largely supplied by professors from the Auburn Theological Seminary, years ago, frequently by Rev. Dr. Matthew L. Perrine, Rev. Dr. Josiah Hopkins, Rev. Dr. Edwin Hall and Rev. Dr. J. B. Condit. During the absence of Rev. Dr. Krum, in Europe, Rev. Dr. Willis J. Beecher of Auburn supplied the pulpit for six months. Rev. Prof. Riggs, of Auburn, has often supplied the pulpit during vacations.

The church for many years after its organization occupied a school house as a place for worship It stood south of the location of the present church and upon land now occupied by the residence of Mr. Jacob Shoemaker. About the year 1817 the first church was built by the society and was dedicated on September 17 of that year. It occupied the same lot whereon the present church stands. It was a frame building, with a steeple, and was built by Jacob Hovey and Jabez Stark. This building was sold in 1842 and was removed to State street where it was long known as Concert Hall, and is now owned by T. B. Baird and occupied for residences. Immediately after its removal in 1842, a brick church was built upon the same lot by William Latham, and was occupied for nearly thirty years. It was removed in 1871 to give place to the present convenient and beautiful structure, which is the third church edifice erected by the society upon the same premises. This lot was given to the society by Col. Wilhelmus Mynderse for church purposes at a very early date. The present church was built by Ruel Taylor, who was not only a builder, but had formerly been a clergyman. Its corner stone was laid with appropriate ceremonies on September 12, 1878, during the pastorate of Rev. Dr. J. D. Krum the building was finished, and its construction and furnishing was at a cost of about $60,000. It has been thus described: "The edifice is built in modern English Gothic style of pressed brick with cut stone arches. The front is flanked by a large and a small tower, the large tower being 166 feet in height and the small tower 90 feet. The entrances in these towers open into a spacious vestibule, from which are stairs to the auditorium, and to the basement, and to the gallery across the front. The front presents a Gothic gable with corbeled coping and beam tracery corresponding with the

interior roof work. In the tympanum of this gable is an elegant rose window 13 feet in diameter and filled with intricate tracery. The flanks accord with the front, the walls being pierced with double recessed windows ornamented with stained glass. The basement includes the Sunday school room 42 by 57 feet, two parlors 24 by 28 feet each, kitchen 14 by 18 feet, all 12 feet high. The auditorium is 57 by 84 feet, 24 feet high at the sides, the whole being covered with an open timber gothic roof finished with ash, and showing the timbers of the roof richly molded and filled with tracery. The apse is recessed and finished with a grained ceiling of ash, and the walls are richly frescoed. The gallery and choir in front are well arranged, and the pastor's study is placed in the tower on the same floor. The pews are of neat design and comfortable; and effectual agencies are employed for heating, ventilation and lighting.

The church at present, (1896), has a membership of over 500. It is aided in its work by various organizations, among which are the Kings' Daughters, the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, the Church Aid Society, The Womans' Missionary Society, the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, the Boys' Mission Band and the Girls' Mission Band. The church has, for more than a quarter of a century, been remarkable among churches in this vicinity, for the size and efficiency of its Sunday school. The present membership of the school is about 400, divided into about 40 classes under various departments, and has an average attendance of about 300. It is under the superintendency of Mr. Seabury S. Gould, who is now in the fifteenth year of his very valuable and efficient service in that capacity. The benevolent contributions of the church are large. It contributes regularly to each and every one of the boards under the care of the General Assembly, and often times in aid of other religious and charitable organizations. Its local expenditures for charity are generous. The annual expenditures of the society for local expenses, for charitable work, contributions to the boards of the church, and to other organizations and enterprises, aggregate about $6,000. It will, probably, during the present year, exceed its annual average; for it has paid its full quota of $525 toward the "Million Dollar Relief fund", arranged for by the last General Assembly. The revenues of the church are obtained by a system of voluntary contributions, based upon weekly pledges known as the envelop system: and while sittings are for convenience assigned to members of the congregation, the sittings are practically free, and are wholly so at the evening services. The society during the past year largely extended the pastor's vacation, and Mr. Dickinson spent it in delightful and instructive foreign travel. The church is in a prosperous condition, receiving continuous and steady additions to its membership, and is happy in all its relations with the various organizations connected with it, with the other churches in the village, and in the efficient and acceptable services of its beloved pastor.

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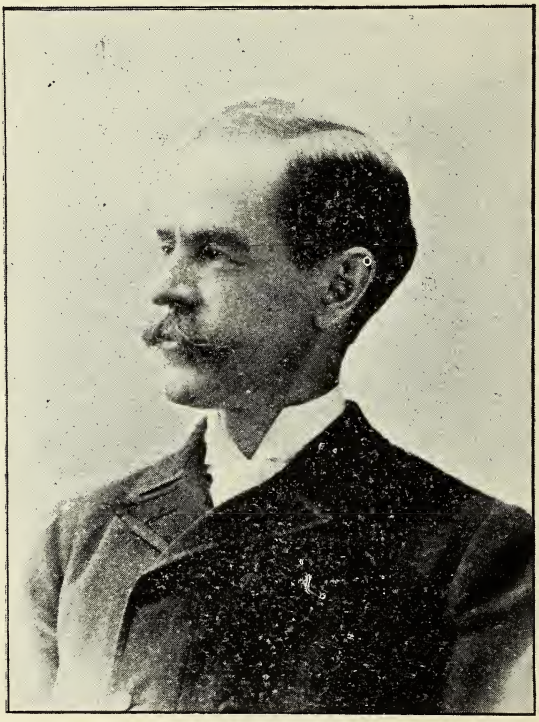
REV. EDWIN HENRY DICKINSON.

Rev. Edwin Henry Dickinson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Seneca Falls, N. Y., was born in West Springfield, Mass., October 16, 1855, where his father was a paper manufacturer. Both of his parents were of the old New England stock, his mother's father having been one of the prominent Congregational clergymen of his day, and pastor at the time of his death, of the First Congregational Church, Amherst, Mass. His parents removing to Springfield in 1865, he was placed in the public schools of the city, which



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deservedly rank among the best in the State and in which he prepared for college. Entering Amherst with the class of 1875, he was fortunate in receiving an election to the Psi Upsilon fraternity. He at once entered into the musical life of college and was elected leader of the college orchestra. In his senior year he was leader of the glee club and was also appointed by the faculty, leader of the college choir. The musical training he received in those positions has been valuable to him in his ministry. In the fall of 1879, he entered the Theological Seminary at Auburn, where he graduated in the spring of 1882. Having been called to the pastorate of the Presbyterian church of Knoxboro, N. Y., he went at once to the parish, beginning his ministry in a small rural community and remaining with this church for four

years. June 29th, 1882, he was married to Miss Emma S. Carter, daughter of Walter S. Carter, a prominent New York lawyer. In May, 1886, Mr. Dickinson accepted the call of the Presbyterian church of McGrawville, N. Y., where his labors were blessed in frequent and large additions to the church. In the fall of 1888 he was called to the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church of Seneca Falls, N. Y., and began his work with the first of January, 1889. This pastorate is now in its eighth year. He was fortunate in following the Rev. L. H. Morey, who had most faithfully and successfully labored in this church for more than eight years, and to whom the people had been most devotedly attached. During Mr. Dickinson's Seneca Falls pastorate, between two and three hundred have united with the church and it is now, owing to the hearty co-operation of the people with their pastor, in a most flourishing condition. During the summer of 1895, the church granted him leave of absence for ten weeks that he might travel in Europe, and made him a most generous gift for the defraying of all the expenses of his foreign tour, besides supplying the pulpit during his entire vacation.

TRINITY PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SENECA FALLS.

TRINITY Parish, Seneca Falls, was organized, January 13, 1831, at a meeting held in the Franklin Institute of "male persons of full age, who worship according to the rites of the Protestant Episcopal Church," and who assembled in accordance with a notice legally given. Rev. Reuben Hubbard was called to the chair; John Morgan acted as secretary, and on motion of Gary V. Sacket, a resolution was passed to incorporate under the legal term of "The Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of Trinity Church of

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Seneca Falls." Rev. Reuben Hubbard was then made rector; Lewis Bixby and John Isaacs were elected wardens; and Gary V. Sacket, Anthony Dey, John Morgan, Samuel Payne, Senter M. Giddings, George E. Freeman, Stephen B. Gay and Chauncey F. Marshall, vestrymen. The certificate of incorporation, signed by Rev. Reuben Hubbard, Abner N. Beardsley and Stephen S. Viele, was duly acknowledged before Luther S. Stevens, first judge of the Court of Common Pleas, and recorded in the County Clerk's office. Meetings were regularly held in Bixby's school room, in the second story of Hill and Peck's building, which still stands on Cayuga street, two doors above the Stanton house. On the 7th of August, 1831, the first rite of confirmation was administered by Rt. Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, D. D.,

bishop of the diocese of New York. In 1832, Rev. Seth Davis succeeded Rev. Reuben Hubbard, and in November of that year a subscription for a new church was started. A site was purchased of Ansel Bascom for $500, half cash and half church scrip, and it was decided to build with a basement of stone and superstructure of wood. In July, 1833, Rev. Jesse Pound became the rector. The corner stone of the church was laid November 18, 1833, with appropriate ceremonies by Rev. J. C. Rudd of Auburn, new names among the church officials now being Abram Bartlett, Moses L. Demming, S. L. H. Ward, Elijah Webster, George Arnold, John Isaacs and James Shethar. While this church was building, services were held over the Post Office in the building now standing at the north-east corner of Bayard and Ovid streets. The church was consecrated by Bishop Onderdonk, July 27, 1834, assisted by Revs. William Lucas, Jesse Pound and Richard S. Mason, D. D., a class of fifteen being confirmed in the evening. Rev. Mr. Pound resigned in 1835, and was succeeeed by Rev. Robert Campbell, as missionary, till October, 1836; then Rev. Henry Tullidge till 1838.

Rev. Mr. Tullidge, with Anthony Dey, Gary V. Sacket, Samuel Dey, Stephen S. Viele and James Shethar as lay delegates, assisted in establishing the diocese of western New York, of which Rev. William H. Delancy was made the first bishop in November, 1838. Rev. Charles G. Ackley came to the parish in 1839 and was made rector in April, 1840. Dexter E. Bloomer took the place of Anthony Dey as warden, and Josiah T. Miller became a vestryman. Rev. Benjamin Franklin succeeded Mr. Ackley in 1844, but ill health compelled his resignation a year later. In 1844, John Fitch was made warden and held the office forty years. Rev. Rufus Murray became rector in 1846, and was followed in 1849 by Rev. Malcom Douglass. In 1851, Rev. Charles Woodward was made rector, and remained till 1855. In 1854, a new bell was placed in the tower and needed improvements made on the church property. In 1855, Rev. John M. Guion was called to the rectorship of the parish, which now became self-sustaining, no longer receiving the missionary stipend. In 1856, a new organ was purchased, and three years later the church was enlarged and improved at an expense of about $2,000, a stained glass window in the chancel being one of the improvements.

To the call to arms in 1861, Trinity church responded, in common with her sisters in Seneca Falls, and two sons of the rector were among the volunteers. They returned as Gen. George M. Guion and Maj. J. Marshall Guion: but before they went, the rector invited the entire company to a parting service. With full ranks and even tread they entered the sanctuary, and placing their country's flag upon the steps of the altar, they reverently bent the knee while the white-robed priest invoked the blessing of the God of battles upon their patriotic devotion. In 1863, a rectory was built on Cayuga street, the lot being donated by the junior warden, Frederick J. Swaby, and the building fund started with a bequest from Mrs. Ruth Mumford. In 1868 Trinity was

represented at the first convention of the diocese of Central New York, by the rector and Edward Mynderse, Gen. George M. Guion and Lansing S. Hoskins, lay delegates. From 1870 to 1879, a mission was maintained in the northwest part of the village. In 1873, Rev. Warren C. Hubbard was, by request of the rector, made assistant. In 1876, Dr. Guion, after fifty years of ministerial labor, resigned the parish and Rev. Warren C. Hubbard was advanced to the rectorship. The following year, however, he accepted a call to Brooklyn. The pulpit was supplied for two months by Rev. D'Orville Doty of Waterloo, and then Rev. C. McIlvaine Nicholson became rector, and remained until August, 1880. Rev. S. W. Strowger followed for a short time, and in December, Rev. Robert G. Quennell was installed as rector, and applied himself vigorously to the upbuilding of the parish.

The year 1883, being the semi-centennial of the existence of the church building, the anniversary was fittingly celebrated by the inauguration of a movement for a new building, which finally culminated in the present stone structure on East Fall street, of which the corner stone was laid June 2, 1885, with imposing ceremonies, and which was opened on Easter Sunday, April 25, 1886, with impressive services. The church edifice is architecturally the finest in the county. Its style is of the mixed Gothic and early English. It is of cruciform shape with transepts on the east and west and a recess chancel at the south. It is literally "built upon a rock," as blasting excavations had to be made for its foundation. The material is native blue limestone with trimmings of Onondaga limestone. Its extreme length is 105 feet and width 73, with a height of 44, and a tower rising 105 feet. There are three public entrances to the main vestibule. This is floored with stone and lined with white brick, and from it the entrance to the nave is through three arched doorways with swinging panels of quartered oak. The roof is supported by arched trusses resting on cut stone corbels. The ceiling is of white pine with timbers and supports of Georgia pine. The wainscotting of the nave and the pews are of ash. The chancel is wainscotted with quartered oak, the pulpit is a magnificent piece of carved oak, and the communion rail is of polished oak, supported by brass standards. All the interior woodwork is in natural wood. The memorial windows are rich and costly, representing in stained glass various Scripture scenes. The vestry is a pleasant room of octagonal shape with pointed roof. The Sunday school room, with fitting appointments, is in in the basement, which is a ground floor from the south and east. The furniture of the church is in harmony with its architecture and finishings. The entire cost of building, site, and foundation, was $40,000, and a debt of $13,000 remained at the time of its completion.

In 1884, Mr. Quennell was called to Christ Church, Binghamton, and the parish passed temporarily under care of Rev. Franklin W. Bartlett. Rev. H. M. Denslow became rector July 5, 1885. He was a graduate of Yale and of the Berkeley Divinity school, and under his care the parish con-

tinued to prosper. By strenuous efforts, the debt was raised and the church consecrated September 10, 1890, by Rt. Rev. F. D. Huntington, bishop of the diocese, assisted by a number of clergymen, in the presense of a large congregation. In the spring of 1893, Dr. Denslow received a call to become chaplain of Kenyon College, Ohio, and resigned his rectorship, June 15. Rev. W. B. Clarke was called to the vacant place and became rector September 15 of the same year, and still remains in charge of the parish. Under his care all interests are flourishing, and the church continues to thrive. The present officers are as follows: Rector, Rev. W. B. Clarke; wardens, Lansing S. Hoskins, William B. Lathrop; vestrymen, Cyrus Garnsey, Stephen D. Mickley, W. V. VanRensselaer, George Shandley, A. Seymour Pollard, George P. Rogers, William M. Follett, Robert Tear; clerk of the vestry, A. Seymour Pollard. The following are the officers of the various church societies.: Brotherhood of St. Andrew—President, Thomas W. Pollard; secretary and treasurer, John W. Brooks; Ladies building fund Society—President, Mrs. G. P. Rogers; secretary, Mrs. C. H. Williams; Girls Friendly Society—President, Mrs. N. P. B. Wells; treasurer, Mrs. N. H. Becker; Altar Society —President, Miss Anna Bachman. Other important and helpful parish agencies are: The Industrial Society, Sisters of Mercy, and Sewing School, which meet weekly during the winter months.

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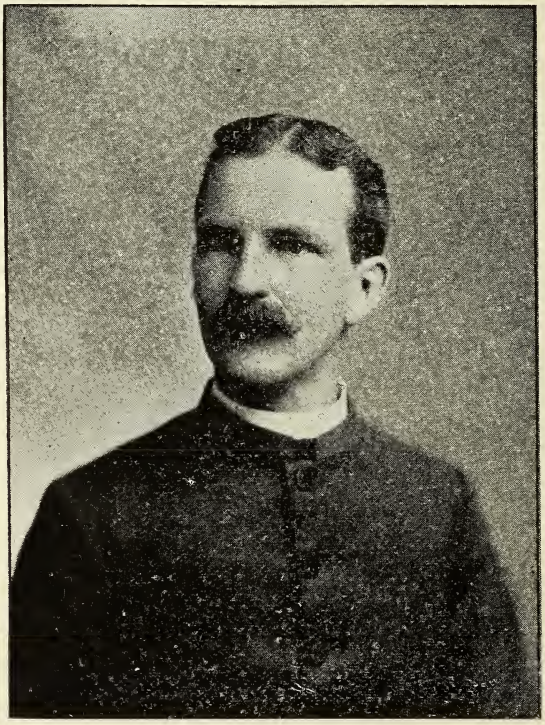
REV. WILLIAM BOURS CLARKE.

The Rev. Wm. Bours Clarke, rector of Trinity church, Seneca Falls, was born in Belvidere, N. J., on July 2, 1860. In 1862 his father, the Rev. Hugh L. M. Clarke, accepted a call to the rectorship of Zion church, Rome, N. Y., There his boyhood and youth were passed. In 1875, he entered St. John's school at Manlius, N. Y., where he remained four years, fitting himself for college. In the fall of 1879, he entered St. Stephen's college, Annandale, N. Y. While in college, he decided to study for the ministry, and in 1883, began his theological course in Berkeley Divinity school, Middletown, Conn.



On May 14, 1886, he was ordained to the diaconate in Zion church, Rome, by the Rev. F. D. Huntington, bishop of the diocese of Central New York, and thereupon was appointed minister in charge of the missions at Antwerp and Evans Mills, in Jefferson county. N. Y. On May 20 of the following year, he was advanced to the priesthood in St. Paul's church, Antwerp. He continued in charge of Antwerp and Evans Mills, holding occasional services at Great Bend and Philadelphia, N. Y., until February 14, 1890, when he became rector of Grace church, Cortland, N. Y. While settled in Cortland, he also had charge of Zion church, McLean, for a little over two years, holding services there every other Sunday afternoon. In the summer of 1893, Mr. Clarke accepted a call to Trinity church, Seneca Falls, and entered on his duties September 15. In November, 1890, Mr. Clarke married the youngest daughter of the Hon. Edward B. Bulkley of Antwerp, N. Y.

FIRST WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH, SENECA FALLS.

THE First Wesleyan Methodist Church of Seneca Falls was organized March 27, 1843, being a part of those who, about that time separated from the Methodist Episcopal Church on the question of slavery. The first trustees were John C. King, H. L. Warden, Abram Failing, E. C. Lindsley, Joseph Metcalf, and William Fox. The first services were held in the old Seneca Falls Academy building. A representative was sent to the Utica Convention, and Rev. George Pegler was secured as pastor. A church edifice

FIRST WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH.

was commenced on the present site, larger than the church of any other denomination in the village at that time. In October the building was dedicated by Rev. Luther Lee. The first session of the Rochester Conference was held in this church in the spring of 1845. At this Conference, 41 elders, 23 laymen, and 20 applicants for orders were present. Rev. George Pegler presided and Rev. P. R. Sayler was secretary. Mr. Pegler was made traveling evangelist, and Rev. Samuel Salisbury became pastor of this church. He was a strong abolitionist, and very earnest in his warfare against sin of every kind. The church increased in membership during his pastorate. Rev. S. Phillips came in 1847; Rev. Benjamin Bradford, in 1849; Rev. D. B. Douglas, in 1853. During this last pastorate there was a grand revival, but

a former pastor returning drew away some. The church debt of $2,500 was, however, paid. Rev. S. B. Loomis came in 1855, and united with other denominations in open air meetings. Rev. J. A. Swallow followed in 1857, and quite extensive repairs were made on the church. Rev. H. B. Knight came in 1858, and during the following winter there was a revival which added 118 to the church. During this time the anti-slavery feeling was at its height, and many of the members aided in the "underground railway" for assistiing slaves into Canada. One member had a "station" where the fugitives were secreted, fed and helped on their way. Rev. William S. Bell was pastor 1861-63, when Rev. Mr. Knight returned for a year. Rev. W. W. Lyle came in 1865.

During Mr.Lyle's pastorate the question of preservation of the connectional existence agitated the church; also the question of the condemnation of secret societies. Dissatisfaction with the final settlement led Mr. Lyle and a number of the members of this church to form a Congregational church. Questions as to the ownership of the property arose, and the legal points being decided in favor of the Wesleyan church, an amicable settlement was reached by the payment of $2,500 to the Congregationalist. Upon the withdrawal of Mr. Lyle in 1869, Rev. Adam Crooks became pastor. In 1870 Rev. Samuel Salisbury returned to a second pastorate, and his calm, dignified demeanor and godly character tended to produce harmony and unity. Rev. C. F. Hawley came in 1872, and Rev. A. E. Dempsey in 1874. During these pastorates there were revivals, and a general Christian activity, so that the church debt was all paid. In the revival of 1875 Sisters Ellet and M. E. Depew, and Rev. N. Warden assisted. Rev. A. H. Kinney became pastor in 1876, but stayed only a few months, being followed by Rev. G. M. Hardy, who remained to 1879. Rev. J. L. Benton followed him,remaining two years.

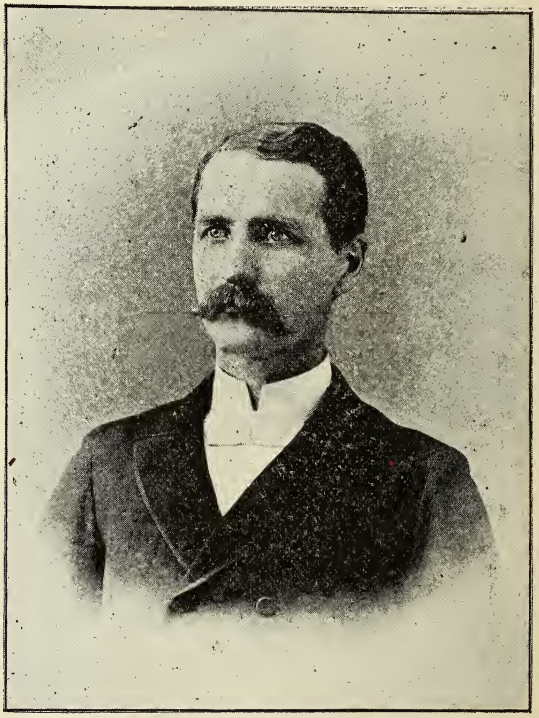
The church was then without a pastor until Rev. S. Bedford came in 1882. He remained four years, and was very efficient in building up the church. Rev. A. T. Jennings became pastor in 1886 and remained until his election as editor of the Wesleyan Methodist in 1891. He was a strong Prohibitionist, and the session room was made the headquarters of the Prohibition club of the village. Rev. G. W. Story followed Mr. Jennings. His energy and earnestness wrought great benefit to the church, but failing health compelled him to resign in 1893. The church was then without a pastor, but supplied quite regularly by Rev. A. T. Jennings, until the present pastor, Rev. H. W. McDowell, came in April, 1895. During his pastorate the church has taken on new life and activity, and its membership has been much increased. In a sketch written by Rev. S. Bedford in 1893, he pays this tribute to certain members, who, of their abundance, have at different times given liberally for the support of this church: "It can truthfully be said of Brother C. G. Corwin, Rev. C. R. Tripp, a local elder, and Sisters Anna and Mary Rumsey, wives of John A. and Moses Rumsey, that, but for their influence and support,

to all human appearances, the Wesleyan Methodist church of Seneca Falls would now be a thing of the past." Of these, Mrs. John A. Rumsey alone is still spared to aid the church with both spiritual and temporal gifts.

The officers of the church are as follows: Pastor, H. W. McDowell; clerk, Alfred W. Brim; trustees, John H. Winters, chairman, and D. A. Deming, D. Ward, A. W. Brim, D. King; stewards, Alfred Hurd, chairman, Miss Anna Ward, secretary, D. King, treasurer, and Mrs. H. Battelle, J. H. Winters, George Feeck and George B. Crowell.

REV. HOWARD W. McDOWELL.

Rev. Howard W. McDowell, the present pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist church at Seneca Falls, was born in Mercer county, Pennsylvania. His parents were Presbyterians and the first religious teaching he received outside the home was in a Presbyterian Sunday school. In the autumn of 1876, he was converted in a revival held in a Wesleyan Methodist church and united with that body because he endorsed the doctrines and principles it advocates. His early education was obtained on the farm and in district schools. In June, 1886, he graduated from Alleghany college, Meadville, Pa. He spent the summer vacation preaching in Washington county, Pa., and with the next school year entered the theological department of Wheaton college, Wheaton, Ill. He remained in that school one year and then entered Garrett Biblical Institute, a theological seminary under control of the Methodist Episcopal church, graduating in 1889.



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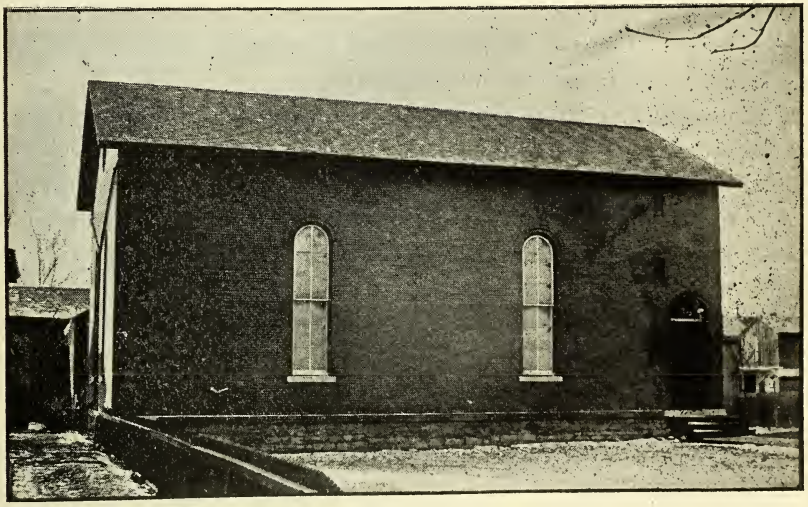
During two of the years spent in the seminary, he supplied the pulpit of the Wesleyan Methodist church at Sugar Creek, Wisconsin. He was ordained by the Illinois Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist church in 1888. Immediately after completing his studies in the seminary, he assumed the pastorate of his home charge, where he remained two years and then accepted a call to Eagle Harbor, N. Y. He served as pastor at that place four years, when he accepted an invitation from the First Wesleyan Methodist church of Seneca Falls, N. Y., and entered upon his present pastorate in April, 1895.

TOWN OF WATERLOO.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF WATERLOO.

ELDER JOHN GOFF, a Baptist minister of Benton, Ontario county, held monthly meetings at the court house, in Waterloo in 1824. The next year Elder Thomas Brown of Geneva, held semi-weekly meetings at the same place. A church was organized August 6, 1825, composed of the following seventeen persons: Cornelius Hill, William Child, Asa Warden, Harris Usher, John Demconson, Ray G. Lewis, Edward Buck, Catharine Riker, Betsy Usher, Charlotte Long, Eunice Demconson, Mary Warden, Nancy Whiteford, Polly Smith, Susan Smith, Sarah Smith, Elizabeth Snook.



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Asa Warden and Cornelius Hill were elected deacons. In November the church united with the Ontario Association and Rev. E. M. Martin was pastor at Geneva and Waterloo. After this there were no regular meetings until 1831, when Elder Taylor became pastor for one year. Again meetings were discontinued and in October, 1833, the church disbanded.

In October, 1836, Rev. Moses Rowley, a missionary of the State Convention, began to preach every Sunday at the Court House, and in March, 1837, the church was re-constituted with thirty-seven members. Cornelius Hill, Jr., and George W. Williams were elected deacons; C. Hill, Jr., I. Thorne, G. W. Milliner, J. Marshall, J. W. Durham, and J. Lautensliker. trustees. Later, George W. Lambert and I. Thorn were made deacons. Services were held in the Court House until 1838, and afterward in the school

house at Schauyes. Elder Rowley was pastor for four years and baptized one-hundred and twenty-two converts. A house of worship costing $3,000, was built and dedicated June 15, 1840. It was sold in 1843, and the congregation again worshiped in the school house. In 1853, the church again disbanded. The pastors from 1840 to 1853, were, in their order: Revs. Enos Marshall, L. Ransted, J. Halliday, Nathan Baker, E. Blakely, S. Ewer, Samuel Hough, and D. W. Litchfield.

Ten years after the second disbandment, the society was again reconstituted. At a meeting held January 17, 1863, the following persons united in a conference: Rev. Carl T. Kreyer, James C. Hallsted, James Garrison, Thomas Jackson, John L. Cone, Leonard B. Mosher, George Seibold, J. Love, Joseph Macon, C. Hill, Seymour May, Mrs. J. C. Hallsted, Phoebe May, Mary Warner, Eliza Powers, Samuel Hill, L. B. Mosher. The church was recognized by a council, February 9th of the same year, and Carl T. Kreyer was ordained as pastor. He continued with the church for nearly a year, and then was sent as a missionary to China by the American Baptist Missionary Union. James C. Hallstead and Leonard B. Mosher were deacons, and John L. Cone clerk, during his pastorate.

At the meeting of the Seneca Association in 1865, the church was regularly received as a part of that body, and the same year the old meeting house was re-purchased from the Lutherans. This house was burned in 1875, and for a year the congregation worshipped in Towsley hall. A parsonage and lot were purchased on Williams street in 1876, and a chapel built at a cost of about $3,000. After the resignation of Rev. Mr. Kreyer, Rev. J. E. Lockwood supplied the pulpit for a short time. Rev. W. H. Steegor served from 1865 to 1868, and Rev. S. V. Marsh in 1869-70. For two years there was no regular pastor, then Rev. W. M. Robinson served two years. Rev. F. P. Sutherland was ordained pastor in 1874, Rev. C. A. Harris served in 1876, and Rev. F. M. Beebee in 1877. Rev. E. Packwood, was called October 8, 1879, and resigned in 1883. Rev. George A. Starkweather came November 7, 1883, and his pastorate ended September 1, 1884. Rev. C. J. Pendelton was called July, 1885, and remained till March 31, 1886. Rev. Frank Gardner was pastor from July 18, 1886, to May 15, 1889. Then Rev. E. Packwood was again called and served the church until May 15, 1895, when he resigned on account of age, and now lives on a small farm about three miles from Waterloo. When Mr. Packwood came in 1889, the church was badly in debt; when he resigned in 1895, the obligations were all canceled and the church in a prosperous condition. Rev. James A. Nally was called May 15, 1895, and is still the pastor. During his pastorate several handsome legacies have been left for the benefit of the church, and in a few years we expect to have a much finer house of worship than the one we now occupy. The present trustees are Samuel Brewer, Martin F. Bragg, Rev. E. Packwood, Robert Jarvis, William Anderson and William V. Sharpe.

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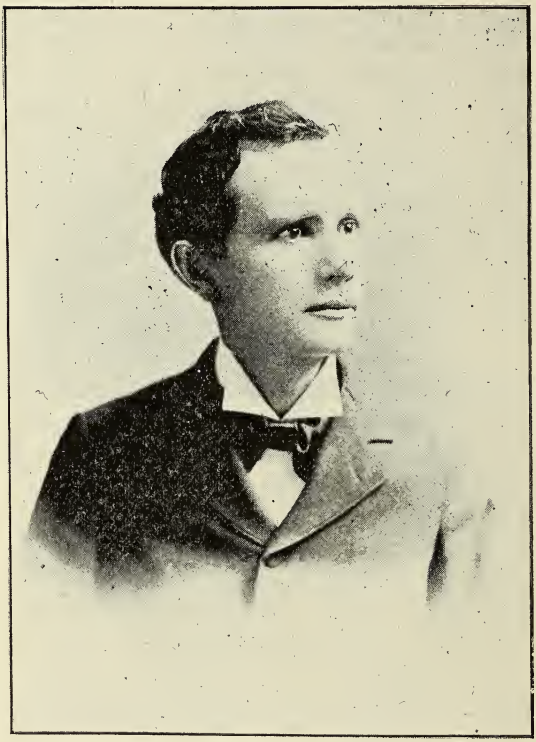
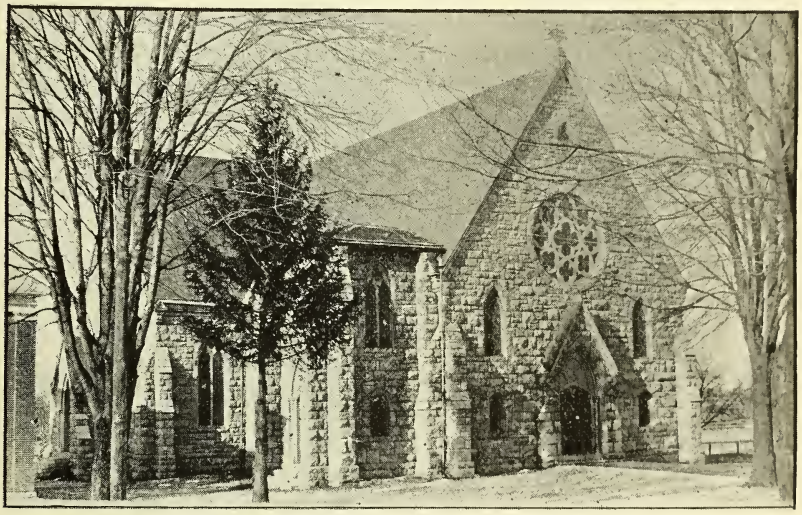


Rev. James A. Nally, present pastor of the First Baptist church of Waterloo, was born in the city of Syracuse, February 19, 1866. After receiving his education, he was ordained to the ministry, June 7, 1894. He was called to the pastorate of the Baptist church in Waterloo, May 15, 1895. February 14, 1893, he married Mrs. Alta M. Matteson, of Syracuse, and they have one child. His work in Waterloo is very acceptable, and the church is thriving under his care.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH WATERLOO.

THE history of St Mary's Church dates back to the year 1846, when this parish was first established. Two lots of land were purchased on the west side of Center street at the auction sale of Grosvenor, and the foundation of a church laid on May 1, 1846. The following named board of trustees acted under the supervision of Rev. Father O'Flaherty, in the erection of this first building: Patrick Boyle, Patrick McCullough, John Morrin, Timothy Desmond, and James Plunkett. The church, thirty feet by forty feet, was finished and opened for divine service on October 17, 1846. The first mass was celebrated therein by the Rev. William Carroll on November 3rd of the same year. Rev. Father Carroll visited this church from Seneca



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Falls, besides attending at Clyde and Springport, and was the first resident pastor in Waterloo. Prior to his time, mass was celebrated at irregular intervals by missionary priests from the neighboring cities. His successor was Father Gilbride, who after an administration of six months died in August, 1854. He was succeeded by the Rev. William Gleason. He built an addition to the church of twenty-five feet and erected a brick school house, which has been taken down to make way for the erection of the new church. Father Gleason was removed to Buffalo in 1859. He was succeeded by Rev. Martin Kavanaugh, who ministered to the spiritual needs of the people for one year. In 1861 Father Stephen's was appointed pastor, and was succeeded by Rev. Dennis English, who remained until 1863, when he was removed to Geneva, and is at present pastor at Canandaigua. During the year 1864, the parish was attended by Rev. Edward McGowan of Seneca Falls. Rev. Terrance Keenan was then appointed pastor of Waterloo and remained until 1869. By him a new rectory was built on the lot south of the church.

Rev. Louis A. Lambert followed Father Keenan and remained until 1888. During his pastorate he constructed the beautiful stone church, which is considered one of the finest church edifices in the Rochester diocese. The church is built of blue stone. It is of Gothic architecture. Its dimensions are, length, 128 feet, transept, 70 feet, main building, 40 feet. The structure is a cross formation. There is also a chapel attached, 40x20 feet. The spire will reach the height of 130 feet from the base. The windows, which are unique in design and artistic in finish, are of stained glass, and are all memorial windows. A new cemetery was also purchased by Father Lambert. Rev. John J. Hickey succeeded Father Lambert and, during his pastorate, the interior of the church, which is perfect in all its appointments, was completed. It was dedicated by Right Rev. Bishop McQuaid in December, 1889. Father Hickey remained until March, 1895, and was succeeded by the present pastor, Rev. William H. Harrington, who, during his short pastorate, has made many improvements. The debt on the church has been greatly reduced. The sum of $4,500 was realized at the fair recently held, which was due to the efficient management of the worthy pastor.

There are several active societies in connection with St. Mary's church, the Rosary and Scapular, the oldest established society, the Sodality, and also the Ladies' Aid, a new society formed by our zealous pastor, which responds nobly to all appeals for help. He has also organized a Catholic club for the young men of the parish, who have rooms elegantly fitted up and also a well-selected library, where they spend their evenings in study and recreation. The Temperance Cadets is a society formed for the junior members of the congregation. Father Harrington's ambition is to pay off the debt of the church, erect the tower and have a chime of bells, calling the faithful to prayer; and it will soon be realized, judging by his zeal and energy, and the pleasant relations existing between pastor and people. The church, when completed, will be one of the handsomest in the State. The congregation numbers 1,200, whose trustees are: Right Rev. Bishop McQuaid, Rev. Father O'Hare, Rev. William H. Harrington, Paul G. Walsh and J. B. Maloney.

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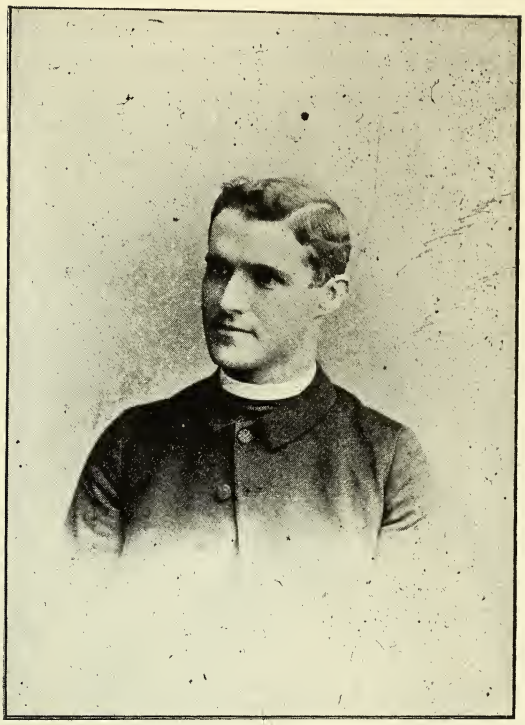

REV. W. H. HARRINGTON.

Rev. W. H. Harrington, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church at Waterloo, was born in Auburn, N. Y., August 8, 1859. He was educated in the public schools of that city, and deciding to enter the priesthood, became a student of St. Andrews' Seminary. Here, his abilities attracted the attention of the Bishop, and he sent him to the American College at Rome where he remained six years. He was ordained in 1887, and placed in temporary charge of Brockport parish. Then he was assigned as Catholic chaplain and agent at the State Industrial school in Rochester. Here he remained seven years, performing the arduous and delicate duties with rare tact and devotion. In addition to these duties he assisted Father Kiernan in his pastoral work and sometimes preached in the Cathedral. He was placed in charge at Waterloo, March 28, 1895, and is greatly beloved by his people. Under his direction the parish is manifesting great activity along all lines of Christian effort.

FIRST CHURCH OF THE DISCIPLES, WATERLOO.

THE first church and congregation of the Disciples of Christ in Waterloo was organized April 1, 1853, by Elder W. A. Belding, preacher and evangelist. The meetings were first held in the court house; afterwards the congregation met in a hired hall, over the McClintock store, now the Fox block, on Main street. They continued to meet in said hall until about the first of January, 1854, when they bought the Baptist meeting house, on East Main street, where they met regularly for public worship until the autumn of 1871, when they purchased a lot on Williams street. They then decided to move the church building on to this lot, which they accordingly did, and repaired the house at a cost of about $2,000. The interior of the house has been very much changed and improved within the last four or five years. The

pastors who have served the church are Reverends Andrew Smith of Pompey, N. Y., C. L. Straight of Tonawanda, N. Y., D. O. Thomas of Caemarthen, Wales; Albert Laughlin, of Irvington, Ind., Joshua C. Goodrich, of Auburn, N. Y., Clayton C. Crawford of Charlottetown, Prince Edward's Island, the present pastor. The first officers, elected April 1, 1853, were Godfrey Selmser and Sparling Drake, elders; William Hough and John Dunlap, deacons. The charter members are: Sparling Drake, William Hough, John Dunlap, Godfrey Selmser, William VanKirk, Ralph VanKirk, Mrs. Godfrey Selmser, Mrs. William Hough, Mrs. John Dunlap, Mary VanKirk, Cornelia VanKirk, Amy Croft, Rebecca Thorp, Maria Jackson, Hannah Roberts, Mrs. Betsy Snook, Lydia Osborne, Artilla M. Sabin, Mrs. Sparling Drake, Theresa Drake, Mary Jackson, Cornelia Jackson, Susan A. Knight, Elizabeth VanDorn, Harriet Orsborn, Anna VanWei, George W. Hough, Helen King, Mrs. Charity Hendrickson, Thomas Jackson.

REV. CLAYTON CHANDLER CRAWFORD.

Clayton Chandler Crawford, pastor of the Disciples Church, Waterloo, N. Y., was born at Bedeque, Prince Edward Island, December 14, 1863. He attended the schools of that country until November, 1884, when he went to Ontario, Canada. For some years Mr. Crawford was engaged in the publishing business in Toronto. While engaged in this business he studied elocution, and some of the languages under private teachers, and such studies as were calculated to fit him for the ministry. On June 3, 1890, he married Miss Ella Shard, of Toronto. They have one child, a little boy. In Novem-

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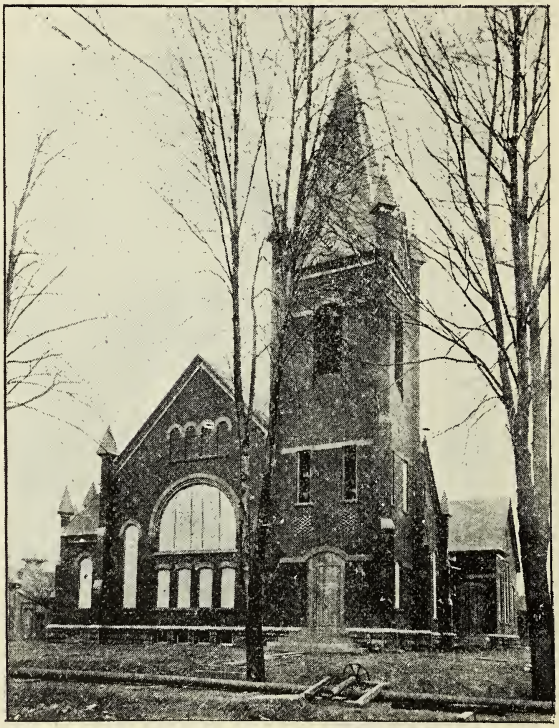
ber, 1891, he sold his interest in the business, and, with his wife and child, removed to Florida in the hope that the change would benefit the failing health of his wife. They lived there until May, 1894, when he went to Tully, N. Y., where he preached for the Disciples Church that summer. In November of the same year he received a call as pastor of the Disciples Church at Waterloo, which position he still holds. Mr. Crawford was always an active worker in the Christian Endeavor Societies, and was president of the second Society ever organized in Toronto. While in Florida he was elected president of the North Eastern District, Y. P. S. C. E. Union in that State.

FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, WATERLOO.

THE Methodist Episcopal Church Society, of Waterloo, like many of its sister Societies, is the outgrowth of that peculiar feature of Methodism, known as the circuit system. In the past, as also in the present, when the Methodist Church seeks to establish itself in a newly settled portion of the country, it sends out its pioneer preachers or missionaries, who travel over a large territory, gathering the inhabitants together in the Court House, the school house, the home of some settler, or even in the forest, for religious



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service, and then forming them into classes which meet for worship by themselves in the intervals between the visits of the preacher. With such a beginning, the Rev. James Hall and a few laymen duly called and conducted a meeting of the Methodists in Waterloo, on February 27, 1833, and organized what they called the Fletcher Society of the Methodist Church of Waterloo. The Society was at once recognized by the Genesee conference, and was placed upon the circuit plan as a regular preaching place. At first the Society held its meetings in the Court House, but in November, 1835, they purchased the lot at the corner of Virginia and Elisha streets, where their old church now stands.

Upon the newly purchased lot, the Methodist Society erected its first

church, and on the 14th day of August, 1837, the congregation held another meeting in their new place of worship, and reorganized their society, dropping the word "Fletcher" from their name, and calling themselves the Methodist Episcopal Society of Waterloo, and elected trustees under the general act for the incorporation of religious societies. Under this organization and name the church has continued to this day. Immediately after the reorganization, the Genesee conference made this church a regular appointment, and sent them their first stationed preacher. At that time two years was the limit of time in which any preacher might remain in one place. This limit was afterwards extended to three years and later to five years. In 1841, several years after the building of the first church, the Rochester and Auburn railroad was constructed. The line of the road ran across the south end of the church lot. In proceedings to condemn a right of way for the railroad, the commissioners awarded to the church five hundred dollars as the value of the land taken and eight hundred dollars as the damage to the church property from the construction of the railroad. This money received from the railroad was used by the society in paying off an indebtedness which had remained from the erection of their church. About this time the society purchased the property upon Church street, which they occupied for many years as a parsonage, but which they sold several years ago.

In the latter part of August, 1843, this first church, with all its contents, except the Bible, was destroyed. There was an insurance of two thousand dollars upon the church, but at the time of the fire it was doubtful whether the insurance company would be able to pay. The Society, however, without waiting to see whether they could collect their insurance, decided to rebuild at once; and so earnestly did they push their work, that before the following winter set in, they had the second church enclosed, and then completed it during the early part of the winter and dedicated it in March, 1844. No description of the first church remains, but doubtless the glory of the second church far surpassed the glory of the former. The church grew and prospered. In 1843, the Society purchased a strip of land off from the ends of the lots next north of the church lot and extended the church building about eighteen feet, and this is the second church, as it now stands. In 1871, the railroad acquired by purchase another small piece off from the south end of the church lot.

By the last will of Urania Dill, who had for many years been a most devoted member of this society, the church received a fund of nearly five thousand dollars toward the purchase of a new site and the building of a new church. Soon thereafter the society began to look for a place in which to build a new church, away from the annoyance of the railroad, and selected the place upon which the church is now built; but the owners of a part of it would not sell it for a church, and so the society selected, and in 1882 purchased, with a part of said funds, the property east of Church street, which is now

used by them as a parsonage, as the place to build the new church. In the following year, however, they succeeded in buying the lots which they had at first selected, but it remained for the year 1895 to see the work of building this new church actually begun. Early in January, 1895, under the leadership of Rev. Grove E. Campbell as pastor, and Chauncey C. Rowe, Andrew J. Smith, Charles E. Zartman, Thomas C. Wilber and George K. Marshall, as trustees and building committee, the society decided to begin the building of its new church. Plans were prepared under the direction of the trustees by Martin L. VanKirk, architect, and the work placed in the hands of Messrs. Edson Bros., as builders. So successfully did the work progress that on the 17th day of August, 1895, the corner stone was laid with imposing ceremonies. Within the stone were placed the official list of the church, copies of local and church papers, two large copper cents and a silver half dollar dated 1833, the year of the organization of the society, a silver dollar and dime of 1883, the year of the purchase of the site, and a half dollar, quarter dollar, nickle and cent of 1895. The church was completed and dedicated March 27, 1896, by Rev. Bishop Fowler, D. D., L. L. D., Rev. C. H. Payne, D. D., Rev. L. C. Queal, D. D., and Rev. R. D. Munger, presiding elder of the district. The building is 113 feet long by 73 feet wide. The auditorium proper is 48x65 feet, with a seating capacity of 476. The floor slopes toward the pulpit, and the chairs, which are upholstered, are arranged in semicircle form. The Sunday school room, which opens into the church by means of sliding doors, is 30x34 feet, adding 300 sittings to the church capacity. The ceiling is of steel. The decorations are buff and gold and are very tasty. The windows are of stained glass, and are beautiful in effect. The building is heated by steam and brilliantly lighted by the Wellsbach gas system. The organ, costing $1,000, was provided by the ladies, largely through the energy of Mrs. Dr. J. W. Day. There are classrooms, library, kitchen and parlors. The entire cost of the church and site is $25,000, and the entire amount is provided for by subscriptions and donations.

Previous to 1837, Waterloo was served as an appointment by the preachers of the Seneca Circuit. Since then the pastors and term of service have been as follows: Rev. O. F. Comfort, 1837 38; Rev. E. G. Townsend, 1838-40; Rev. A. N. Filmore, 1840-41; Rev. William Fergerson, 1841-42; Rev. William Hosmer, 1842-43; Rev. John Dennis, 1843-44; Rev. F. G. Hibbard, 1844-46; Rev. William Stacy, 1846-47; Rev. John Mandeville, 1847-49; Rev. A. C. George, 1849-50; Rev. McMahon, 1850-51; Rev. Parker. 1851-53; Rev. Ferris, 1853-55; Rev. A N. Filmore, 1855-57; Rev. Trowbridge, 1857-59; Rev. Martin Wheeler, 1859-61; Rev. Gulick, 1861-63; Rev. Tuttle, 1863-66; Rev. R. Hogoboom, 1866-69; Rev. William Manning, 1869-72; Rev. M. S. Leete, 1872-73; Rev. E. J. Hermans, 1873-74; Rev. R. C. Fox, 1874-77; Rev. R. Redhead, 1877-80; Rev. Andrew Roe, 1880-82; Rev. I. M. Foster, 1882-84; Rev. A. N. Damon, 1884-86; Rev. R. D.

Munger, 1886-91; Rev. Thomas H. Sharp, 1891-92; Rev. J. F. Beebe, 1892-94; Rev. Grove E. Campbell, 1894. Rev. Mr. Foster served only two and one-half years of his time and Rev. Mr. Sharp three-fourths of a year. The balance of the time was supplied by the Rev. Luther Northway and the Rev. Mr. Babcock, respectively.

The officers of the church are: Bishop, Rev. Edward G. Andrews, D. D., L. L. D.; presiding elder, Rev. R. D. Munger; pastor, Rev. G. E. Campbell; trustees, Chauncey E. Rowe, Charles E. Zartman, Andrew J. Smith, George K. Marshall, Thomas C. Wilber; stewards, Philip J. Kist, Frederick W. Glauner, John H. Bowers, George S. Lawrence, Walter A. Marshall, George K. Marshall, Isaac Belles, John Larzelere, Thomas C. Wilber, Henry Selmser, George E. Zartman; class leader, Henry Knight; president Epworth league, C. C. Rowe; Sunday school superintendent, George S. Lawrence; assistant superintendent, C. C. Rowe; president of Woman's Foreign Missionary society, Mrs. Robert Baster; vice-president, Mrs. G. E. Campbell; secretary, Mrs. John Blake; treasurer, Mrs. Good; president of the Ladies' Social Union, Mrs. G. E. Campbell; vice-president, Mrs. George Zartman; secretary, Mrs. Mary Arthur; treasurer, Mrs. Leonard Story; president of the Knights of the Cross, Oray C. Birdsey; first vice-president, Ernest Barrett; second vice-president, Ernest Soule; third vice-president, Edward Bond; secretary, Jesse Dysinger.

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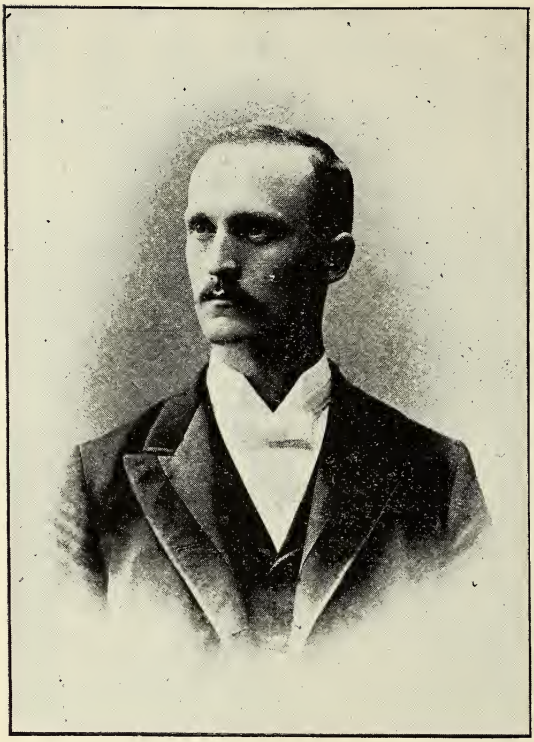

Rev. G. E. Campbell, present pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Waterloo, was born in Yates county, N. Y., August 13, 1862. He was educated at Genesee Wesleyan seminary, from which he was graduated at the age of twenty-one. October 13, 1888, he was admitted upon probation to the Central New York conference. His first pastorate was Sodus Point, where he remained four years. He was ordained deacon, October 12, 1890, at Oneida, N. Y., by Bishop Joyce, and entered into full connection October 7, 1892, receiving ordination as elder at the hands of Bishop Fowler. For two years he was pastor of the M. E. church at Savannah, N. Y. In October, 1894, he became pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church at Waterloo. The church has a membership of 300 and the Sunday school of 150. The society has just completed a beautiful new church, which is well worthy of the enlarged activity and usefulness of the congregation. Mr. Campbell is now taking a post-graduate course in the Illinois Wesleyan University.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WATERLOO.

MONDAY morning, July 7, 1817, a number of religiously inclined inhabitants of the village of Waterloo and its vicinity met in a school house on the present site of St. Paul's church, for the purpose of organizing a Presbyterian church. Rev. Henry Axtell was chosen moderator and S. M. Maltby clerk. The following are the members that day enrolled: Isaac Rosa, Joel Tubbs, John VanTuyl, Daniel Pierson, Jane VanTuyl, Lucretia Irwin, Elizabeth Turner and Rachel Parsons. November 10, 1817, the church was legally incorporated. Reuben Swift, John VanTuyl, Alex-

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ander Rorison, Dr. Jesse Fifield, Peleg Peirson and Parley Putnam constituted the first board of trustees. E. D. Whittlesey was chosen clerk, Dr. Jesse Fifield, treasurer, and Seth M. Maltby, collector. Thus started the Presbyterian church of Waterloo. For preachers, it depended for a time upon the pastors of neighboring churches in Geneva, Seneca Falls and Romulus. Reverends Chapman, Merrill, Wills, Axtell, and Chapin in turns filling the pulpit. In 1818-19 Rev. William Bacon of Seneca Falls served regularly as pastor. Rev. George Allen preached a short time in 1819, but declined a permanent call. On the 21st of March, 1821, Rev. Aaron D. Lane was installed as pastor and remained fifteen years. Rev. Ephraim Chapin, in

these early years, often served as temporary supply. In February, 1836, Rev. Samuel Hart Gridley was called from Perry, N. Y., and was installed August 8, of the same year. Dr. Gridley was pastor of the church thirty-seven years, and pastor-emeritus thirteen years, resigning the active work of the ministry and becoming pastor-emeritus in the year 1873. The history of fifty years of this church life gathers about the personality of that godly man. His labors, marked with wisdom, fortitude and fidelity, were eminently successful. Rev. Cassius M. Dibble was for something over a year assistant to Dr. Gridley, respected and beloved by all who knew him. Rev. M. D. Kneeland was called to the pastorate, May 19, 1873. July 1, of the same year, he was ordained to the ministry by Presbytery, and installed pastor of this church. His ministry here was vigorous and faithful, attended with many evidences of God's blessing. He resigned his pastoral office in 1882. July, 1882, Rev. John McLachlan was called to the pastorate, and the following November he was beginning his busy two years of ministry. Mr. McLachlan staid hardly long enough to make much history for the church. Only two years, yet long enough to win the affection of his people, and to demonstrate his fine pulpit ability and exceptional fitness for the pastoral work. He was called to the Central Presbyterian church in Buffalo. Immediately succeeding him came the present pastor, Rev. W. S. Carter, who commenced his labors April 8, 1885, and under his direction the church has enjoyed a continued season of prosperity.

The church started with a membership of eight persons—just the number recorded as in Noah's Ark. Its average additions have been twenty-five each year. In 1831, two hundred nine were received on profession and by letter. In 1884, and again in 1890, one hundred and twenty-nine were added to the roll. In all about two thousand persons have been members of this church during the period of its organization, and its membership now is nearly five hundred. Its Sunday school is large and full of interest. It has a flourishing society of Christian Endeavor and of King's Sons and King's Daughters—all full of Christian activity. November 10,1892,it celebrated the 75th anniversary of its organization, with an elaborate programme of exercises, fitting to the auspicious occasion. The old members at that time mentioned with honor, some living and some deceased, were: Julius C. Strong, Reuben Clark, Daniel W. Bostwick, J. T. Demarest, Job White, Ammi Pease, Dr. Amherst Childs, Horatio Warner, William S.Fancher, John Marshall, Platt Crosby, Ebert Taylor, Mrs. Larissa Childs, Mrs. Aurelia Fairchild, and Mrs. Sarah Marshall.

The first effort to erect a suitable house of worship was made in the year 1822. Services had been held up to that time either in the court house or school building. In November, 1822, the trustees appointed a committee to draft a subscription paper, and another to be a building committee, with instructions to push the work on as fast as possible. The building lot was the

gift of Elisha Williams and Reuben Swift. Quickly the work was begun, and by June of the following year, the corner stone was laid with appropriate services. In a little less than two years, on the 30th of September, 1824, the house of worship was dedicated to the praise of God. It was erected at a cost of $5,000. The edifice still remains standing as a place of worship. It is now the property of the Methodist Protestant society. In 1850, the church edifice had become too small to accommodate the growing congregation. On the 8th day of April, of that year, it was decided to build a new edifice. Articles of association were "made and agreed upon and entered into," by Platt Crosby, John Marshall, James R. Webster, John McAllister, Amherst Childs, Peleg Pierson, Jedediah Pierson, Isaac R. Kipp, Edward Fatzinger, S. H. Gridley, Ephrahim Chapin, as building committee, together with Alexander Rorison, William Wood, Ebert Taylor, Julius C. Strong, Joseph Wright, Aaron D. Lane, Jacob H. Ackerman, Machael Thomas, Martin Pontius, Levi Elmendorf, Eleanora Glover, Joel Wilson, Job White, Horatio Warner and others. These were all pledged to the building of the new edifice. The work was immediately begun and the corner stone was laid on the 21st day of August, 1850. The edifice was completed and furnished at a cost of about $26,000. It was dedicated to the service of God, November 12, 1851. Two other buildings have within the last twenty years, been erected by this church—the brick chapel in South Waterloo and the chapel adjoining the church, at a cost of something over $7,000. In 1893, the church was repaired and renovated. A new roof was put on, its walls were decorated, and it was re-carpeted and re-furnished, the whole expense being about $2,500.

This church has the honor of having furnished the gospel ministry with six of her sons: Rev. Joachim Elmendorf, D. D., pastor of the Harlem Reformed Church, New York city. Rev. Charles E. Stebbins, preaching the gospel of Christ, in Claremont, Virginia. Rev. Charles E. Robinson, D. D., now pastor of the 2nd Presbyterian Church of Scranton, Pa.; Rev. Gilbert S. Huntington, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Denver, Col.; Rev. William G. White, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Cuba, N. Y.; and Rev. Edwin Childs, pastor of a church at Anita, Iowa. All are eloquently and faithfully preaching the truth; honoring this mother church and adorning the Christian ministry. The present officers of the church are: Pastor, Rev. William Smith Carter; Elders—James M. Garrison, Edward Fatzinger, Dr. Orton W. Peterson, Augustus Clark, Edwin C. Peirson, Peter H. Cadmus, Henry Watson, O. P. Van Riper; Deacons—George D. Richardson, E. A. Cahoon, C. J. Redner, Walter R. Pasko, H. L. Cone, E. Fatzinger, Jr., J. H. Henion, Sidney Eshnour; Trustees—William B. Clark, George C. Thomas, Alfred S. Allen, Bainbridge Marshall, Stephen D. Van Riper, William A. Gibson; Clerk and Treasurer, Herbert W. Clark.

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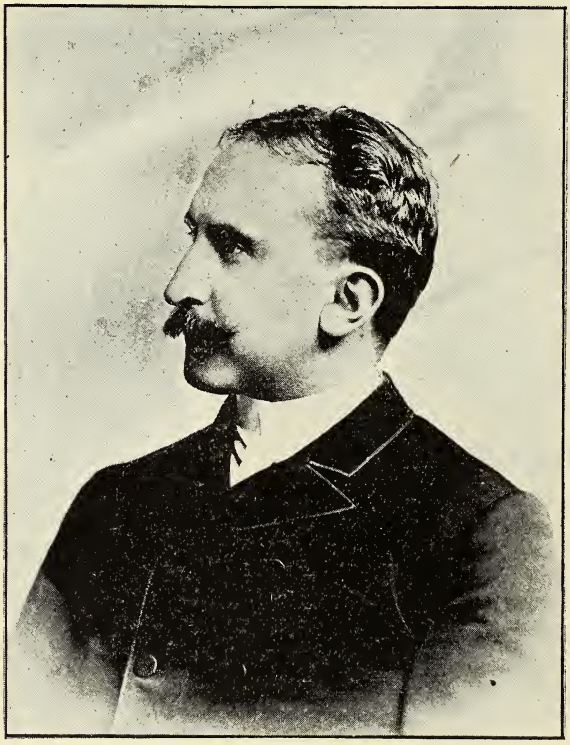
REV. WILLIAM SMITH CARTER.

Rev. William Smith Carter, pastor of the Presbyterian church in Waterloo, was born in Albany, N. Y., January 12th, 1858. Three years after the civil war, his parents removed to Oneida, N. Y., where his boyhood and early school days were passed. In the spring of 1873 he entered the preparatory school at Whitestown, N. Y., and in the fall of 1875 he entered Hamilton college, from which institution he was graduated in 1879. Mr. Carter began his special training for the gospel ministry by entering the Theological seminary at Auburn, in the fall of 1879. In the spring of 1881 he was licensed to preach by the Utica Presbytery. The following summer he spent on the prairies of Northwestern Minnesota, where he served as a Home Missionary, commissioned by the American Board of Missions. Upon his graduation from the Auburn Theological seminary in May, 1882, Mr. Carter was called to the joint pastorate of the two churches of Mansfield and Covington, Pa. In the fall of 1882 he was ordained to the Gospel Ministry by the Wellsboro Presbytery in session at Coudersport, Pa. For nearly three years he occupied the pastorate of the Mansfield and Covington churches. In April, 1885, Mr. Carter accepted the call to the First Presbyterian Church of Waterloo, N.Y., his present pastorate, where he has had for eleven years many evidences of church growth and prosperity. Mr. Carter has had the honor of serving Geneva Presbytery as its moderator, as delegate to Synod, as commissioner to the General Assembly at Washington in 1893, and as commissioner for five years to the Auburn Theological seminary. He is now president of the minister's club of Geneva. January 31st, 1895, Mr. Carter married Miss Ella Peirson, the elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin C. Peirson of Waterloo, N. Y.



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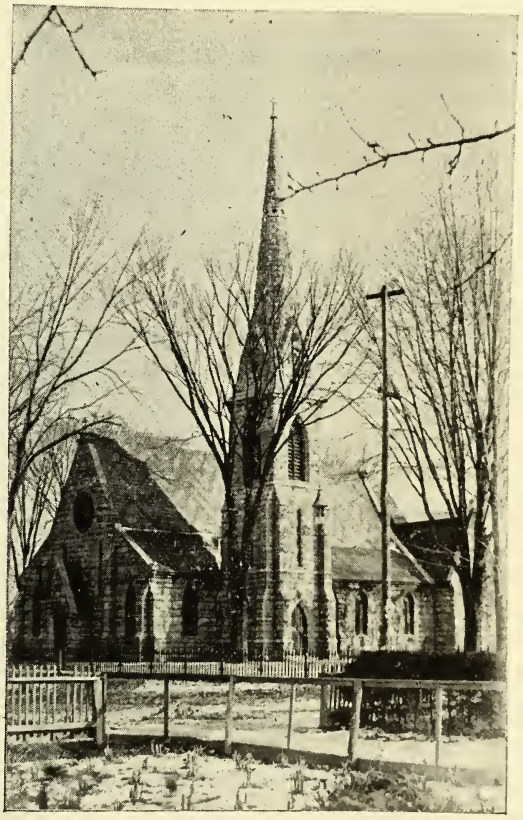
ST. PAUL'S PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, WATERLOO.

THE parish of St. Paul's Church in Waterloo originated November 17, 1817, at a meeting of the inhabitants of the towns of Junius and Fayette, holding to the Protestant Episcopal form of worship. This meeting was held at the school house, in the village of Waterloo, Rev. Orrin Clark, rector, in the chair, and St. Paul's Church was duly organized. Benjamin Hendricks and Gardner Welles were elected wardens, with John Watkins,



ST. PAUL'S PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Daniel Rhodes, Enoch Chamberlain, Martin Kendig, Jr., Jesse Clark, John Knox, Charles Swift, and William H. Stewart, vestrymen. One of the wardens of this primitive church, Gardner Welles, lived to see a beautiful stone edifice, erected nearly half a century later, on the site of the first structure, where, for several years he was a faithful worshipper. March 13, 1820, it was resolved to "erect a house of public worship," services being held in the meantime, in the school house and court house. Nothing was accomplished in the matter, until January 9, 1825, when the effort to build a church was renewed, and the wardens and vestrymen were authorized to enter into a

contract with Messrs. William H. Stewart and Adon Cobleigh, to build the same. In the contract made with the mason for laying the foundation of the church, it stated, that, "he is to be victualled and lodged, and to receive store pay, at the store of Watkins and Swift." A few months later, a contract was made with a firm at Hartford, Conn., for the purchase of a bell. It was resolved that the expense of building be estimated at $3,000, and that the pews and slips be so valued as to amount to that sum. The first sale of pews and slips was held in the church, April 3, 1826. In May following, Rev. William Weber, was offered $250 for one year's ministerial service, with the priviledge of holding service at Vienna, on the first Sunday in each month. The church was consecrated, September 16, 1826, by Rt. Rev. John Henry Hobart, bishop of New York. A few months later the vestry was authorized to contract for an organ, worth $150, "when the subscription for said instrument should warrant such contract." In 1831, Rev. Mr. Hubbard officiated, with the privilege of devoting one-half of his time at Seneca Falls. Succeeding Mr. Hubbard in 1834, was Stephen McHugh, at a salary of $500, including the missionary stipend. At this time a tax of five per cent was levied on the pews, for the purpose of painting the church. The organist, Miss Russell, was paid forty dollars per annum, and the sexton, Mr. McKane, was allowed two dollars per month. In May, 1837, Rev. Foster Thayer was called, at a salary of $700, including the missionary stipend. To increase the revenue of the church, the pews and slips were sold at auction in April, 1839, bids being taken as a premium for choice. William V. I. Mercer bid $8.50, and bids ranged from this, down to fifty cents. The following named persons were at this time pew holders: Jesse Clark, John Watkins, Samuel Williams, Joel W. Bacon, Nathaniel Lee, Samuel Clark, Daniel Kern, Mr. Battele, Samuel Birdsall, Isaac Pinkney, John G. Pearson, Oliver Gustin, Warren T. Lee, Aaron R. Wheeler, Samuel Hendricks, Caleb Loring, Benjamin Folsom, Henry Warner, Julia Chamberlain, George Smith, John Watkins, Benjamin F. Wartenby, Anthony Snyder, Franklin Gage, William V. I. Mercer, William A. Strong, Thomas Fatzinger, Pardon T. Mumford, Martin Allen, John Inslee, A. N. Draper, Daniel S. Kendig, George Hutten, Horace McCarthy, Mr. Haskel. May 6, 1839, Rev. Eli Wheeler became rector, at a salary of $650. No records of the vestry can be found from November 10, 1839, to June 30, 1847, at which time, Rev. Eli Wheeler tendered his resignation. Rev. D. H. Macurdy was elected rector of the parish, July 31, 1848. Soon after, Mrs. Davis was engaged as organist, at a salary of fifty dollars per annum, and the sexton's salary was increased to fifty dollars. In March, 1849, the brick school house and lot near the church were purchased. The rector, Rev. D. H. Macurdy resigned, August 15, 1850, and Rev. Edward Livermore was called to the rectorship of the parish October 22, 1850. The school house was enlarged in 1852, and school opened on the festival of the Epiphany, under the general oversight of the rector. Mr. John H. Swift, of the city of

New York, in 1854, presented six village lots, for the use and benefit of the Parish School, which lots were afterwards sold, and the sum of $800 realized. In March, 1855, Rev. Edward Livermore tendered his resignation, and was succeeded by Rev. Malcolm Douglas, in the following June. After three years service, Rev. Malcolm Douglas resigned, and in July, 1859, Rev. R. N. Parke was called.

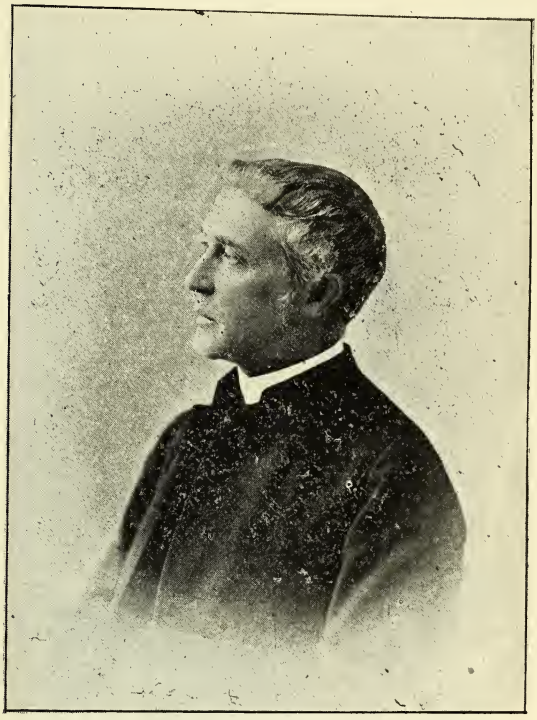
During the year 1860, a movement was initiated for building a new church edifice. This enterprise was steadily and persistently pursued and the corner stone was laid, June 9, 1863, by Rt. Rev. William H. Delancey. In two years the church was finished, and consecrated May 4, 1865, by Rt. Rev. A. Cleveland Coxe, and Rev. R. N. Parke was instituted rector of the parish. The wardens of the church at that time were Calvin W. Cook and Thomas Fatzinger; Vestrymen, S. G. Hadley, Levi Fatzinger, George Cook, Benjamin Bacon, D. S. Kendig, Enos Laney, John C. Watkins, and Sidney Warner; Organist, Miss Serene Birdsall. The cost of the church, including the fence and organ was $28,780.53. The windows, chancel finishing, furniture and cushions for the church, were presented by Messrs. Levi and Thomas Fatzinger. The furnaces were the gift of Calvin W. Cook, and the gas fixtures the gift of Hon. S. G. Hadley. The organ was given by the ladies of the parish, from the proceeds of the sewing and mite societies. Mr. George H. Welles, of New York city, presented a folio Bible, altar service, six prayer books and the psalms and hymns for the use of the desk and altar. Rev. R. N. Parke resigned February 1, 1871, and Rev. William D'Orville Doty accepted the rectorship, April 1, of the same year, being Easter day. Soon after, the residence of James Stevenson, on Main street, was purchased for a parsonage, for the sum of $5,500. The following year, the parish school house was enlarged at a cost of $2,140.08.

In 1874, it was decided to build St. John's chapel, as a memorial to Calvin W. Cook, on land donoted by Miss Jane M. Hunt, for that purpose. The corner stone was laid September 26, 1874, by the bishop of the diocese, and the first service was held February 14, 1875. In 1877, Mr. and Mrs. William Ashmore presented to the parish fifteen acres of land, the avails of which were to be used for the benefit of the parish school, and the Little Women's sewing school. Rev. William D'Orville Doty resigned in November, 1877, and Rev. George Wallace accepted a call to this parish in March, 1878. It is recorded, that in January, 1879, the vestry received from Miss Mary Fatzinger, of Auburn, (formerly of Waterloo,) the generous gift of $1,000, for the use and benefit of the Sunday school. In May, 1879, $26,000 was received, the bequest of Thomas Fatzinger, of which amount $10,000 was to be used for the benefit of the parish school. A memorial baptismal font, was presented to St. Paul's church, by Rev. William D'Orville Doty, and consecrated June 13, 1879. Rev. George Wallace resigned the charge of the parish, June 26, 1882, after four years service, having received a call to St.

Andrew's Cathedral, Honolulu, Sandwich Islands. The vestry then tendered the rectorship to Rev. Robert M. Duff, the present rector, who entered upon his ministerial services here August 1, 1882. Since then, many who were once active helpers in the church militant, have "entered into eternal rest," A recent gift to the church was a handsome memorial lectern, presented by the late W. Frederick Bacon. Previously, Miss Annie Welles had presented two antependiums, and two bookmarks, all of rich material and exquisite workmanship. A memorial hymn tablet, was also presented, for the use of the congregation, by Mrs. Sarah Branch.

The present officers of the church are as follows: Rector, Rev. Robert Murray Duff, S. T. D.; wardens, Hon. S. G. Hadley, A. H. Terwilliger; vestrymen, Hon. S. R. Welles, Benjámin Bacon, Col. F. L. Manning, George E. Crocker, A. G. Mercer, James E. Batsford, W. T. McLean, Philip M. Kendig. Hon. Sterling G. Hadley has served thirty-two years in the vestry. Hon. S. R. Welles and A. H. Terwilliger have each served twenty-five years and Benjamin Bacon twenty-four years. The various church organizations, with their officers, are as follows: Ladies' Mite Society—President, Miss Sabina Mercer; vice-president, Mrs. A. H. Terwilliger; secretary, Mrs. R. M. Duff; treasurer, Mrs. Frances S. Relfe; Woman's Auxiliary Missionary Society—President, Mrs. Edward Fatzinger; vice-president, Mrs. William Bromley; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Frances S. Relfe; St. Paul's Guild—President, Mrs. Julia Chamberlain; treasurer, Miss Mary Gregory; secretary, Mrs. William Bisbee; St. Andrew's Brotherhood—President, Francis Bacon; secretary and treasurer, Joseph Roemer; St. Agnes' Guild—Directress, Miss Annie Burrall; treasurer and secretary, Miss Bertha Berry; St. Mary's Ward —President, Mrs. Francis Bacon; vice-president, Miss Mercy Faucett; secretary, Pauline Wells; treasurer, Louise Semptner; directors, Miss Nellie Rogers, Miss Bessie Yells, Miss Amanda Dohles, Mrs. Georgie VanHousen; Little Woman's Sewing School—Executive committee, Mrs. Edward Fatzinger, Mrs. Robert Duff, Mrs. E. B. Cullen.

REV. ROBERT MURRAY DUFF, S. T. D.



REV. ROBERT MURRAY DUFF.

The Rev. Robert Murray Duff, S. T. D., was born in Monroe county, Michigan, about fifty-five years ago. He was graduated from Hobart college, Geneva, N. Y., in 1861, and from the General Theological seminary in New York city, in 1864. He was ordained priest in the year 1886. In 1888 he received the degree of S. T. D. from his Alma Mater, Hobart college. He has been rector in Skaneateles, N. Y., Oxford, N. Y., Helena, Montana, and is at present rector of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal church, Waterloo, in the diocese of Central New York.

FIRST METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH, WATERLOO.

METHODIST Protestantism orginated in 1828, when a portion of the Methodist Episcopal Church united under the name of "Reformers," in a protest against the Episcopal form of government. In 1830, this organization was perfected as the Methodist Protestant Church of the United States. During the Civil War the church separated into Northern and Southern branches, which were reunited under the old name in 1877. The distinctive features of this church are administrative. Its doctrines are the same as those of the great body of followers of John Wesley, but it repudiates the episcopacy.

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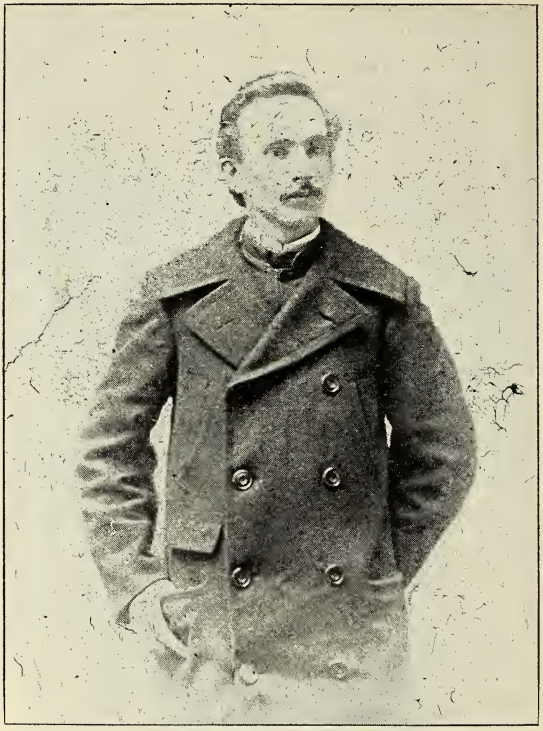
It believes in only one ordination, that of elders, and it regards all elders as of equal authority. At its Conferences some one is appointed as a presiding officer, but his special powers cease when the Conference dissolves. It also believes in the equal authority of laymen in all matters of church affairs. Laymen have equal representation with the ministers in all the Conferences. The church has two publishing houses—one at Baltimore and one at Pittsburg. It has 1,556 ministers and 165,000 laymen. Its principal strength is in the "Border States," Maryland, North Carolina, West Virginia, western Pennsylvania, and southern Ohio and Indiana. In 1880, one-third of the entire membership was in West Virginia.

The First Methodist Protestant Church of Waterloo was organized in 1872. Peter Weaver, of Junius, a member, in that year purchased the old meeting house which had been erected by the Presbyterians in 1824 and occupied by them until 1851. He placed it at the disposal of the new society, and they at once commenced its occupancy. In 1877 they moved it a little further south and thoroughly remodeled it. It was dedicated according to their forms in 1878. Rev. Judson E. Cooper was the first pastor. Rev. Winfield Bentley was pastor when the church was repaired and dedicated. He labored faithfully for three years and under his ministry the church grew and prospered. Several other pastors have followed, the latest being Rev. George York, who resigned in August, 1895, on account of ill health. The church was then without a pastor until March 20, 1896, when Rev. William Crow was sent by the conference. The trustees of the church are Peter Weaver and Gilbert Travis.

REV. WILLIAM J. CROW.



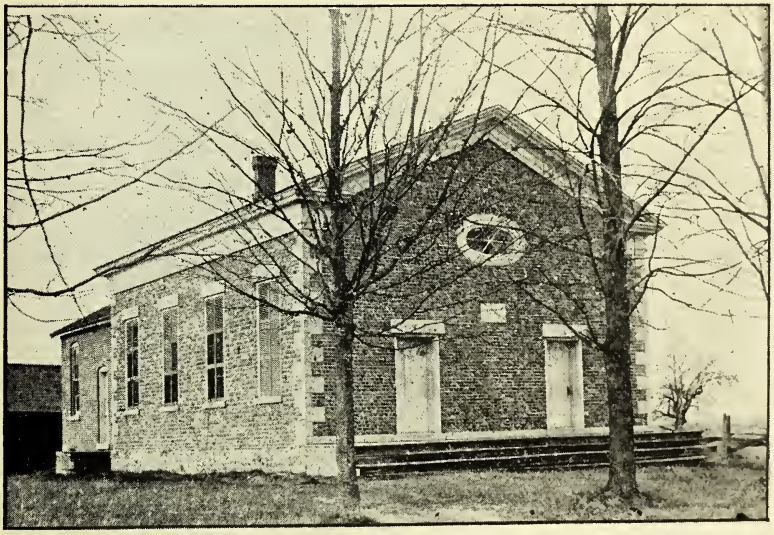
REV. WILLIAM J. CROW.

Rev. William J. Crow, the present pastor of the First Methodist Protestant Church of Waterloo, was born near the village of Decatur, in DeKalb county, Georgia, February 19, 1873, and taken when very young to live in the city of Atlanta, his parents moving to that city. He received only a common school education. When seventeen years of age, Mr. Crow experienced religion and, at eighteen, he felt that God had called him to some kind of active service in his great moral vineyard; so, going through a course of training at Jacksonville, Florida, he became an evangelist, and has worked with considerable success in the States of Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Ohio, and New York. In March, 1896, Mr. Crow became connected with the Methodist Protestant Church, and was appointed to the pastorate of the Waterloo Society.

TOWN OF JUNIUS.

FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL, (STONE) CHURCH, JUNIUS.

THE First society of Methodism in Junius was formed in a log school house just north of Magee Corners by Rev. Mr. North, a local preacher, who had recently come to the town, and was located on the farm since known as the Malcolm Little place. The forming of the first class was the result of a powerful revival of religion which attended the faithful labors of this devoted man. Only one person survives who witnessed that time of refreshing, and was there and then converted, joined the first class, and gave



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this early history of our church to the Rev. H. Harpst. This person is Mrs. Labilla Porter. A school house was soon after built a little south of Magee Corners, and this former one abandoned. Our society was now transferred to the latter as the place of worship; but, about 1825, meetings were commenced in a log school house, occupying precisely the spot where now stands the frame school house, near the present Stone church. This soon became a main center. The following are the ministers who served the charge previously to 1838: Reverends M. Nash, Palmer Roberts, J. Y. McKinney, John Shaw, Joseph Pearsall.

February 20th, 1838, Abel Birdsey, Josiah B. Porter, James Stewart, Silas W. Vandermark, John McLean, Albert Sutherland, and Ray Twist, all since deceased, were present at a meeting at which it was decided that the

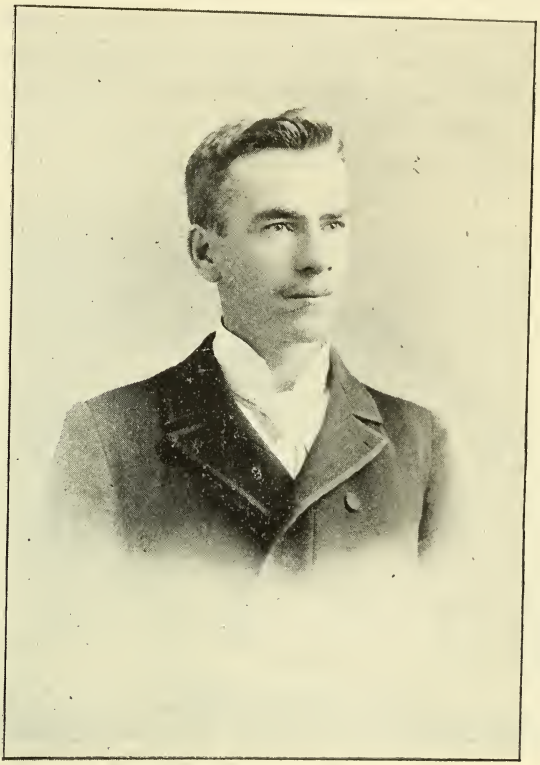
Methodist society shall henceforth be called the First Methodist Episcopal Church in the town of Junius, and those persons were elected the first trustees of said church. December 17th, 1838, Silas Vandermark, Abel Birdsey, and Albert Sutherland were appointed a committee to take charge of and superintend the building of a House of Worship, Samuel Wooster being the preacher in charge. February 26th, 1839, Josiah B. Porter and Upton Nelson were elected trustees. At that meeting the following persons were present as voters: James Steward, Albert Sutherland, Josiah B. Porter, John Ten Eyck, Upton Nelson, John McLean, Abel Birdsey, Silas Vandermark,Gilbert Travis,John L. Hibbard, David Sutherland, Stephen Travis, Samuel J. Peck, Abraham Hill, Solomon Hill. February 26th, 1839, Silas Vandermark laid the corner stone, and on August 22nd, 1839,the Stone church was dedicated in due form to the worship of Almighty God, Brother Silas Vandermark, assuming the unpaid debt of $500 on mortgage, toward which he ultimately, when canceled, gave another $100, having previously contributed $700. In the winter of 1839, under the ministration of Rev. Asa Story,a glorious revival of religion prevailed at which John L. Hibbard, brother of Sister Laney Rodgers, was one of the first converts and became one of the chief supporters and pillars of the church. Of the old veterans who were instrumental in building the Stone church, Soloman Carman of Waterloo alone survives. The cost of the Stone church was $1,900 originally. A brick chapel, erected later at the cost of $1,000, was built by W. W. Runyan.

The following preachers have served the charge since the house was built in 1839: Rev. Samuel Wooster, Rev. Asa Story, Rev. Joseph Pearsall, Rev. Bennett McKinney, Rev. John Shaw, Rev. Ralph Harrington, Rev. J. K. Tinkham (twice,) Rev. Martin Wheeler, Rev. John Wooden, Rev. U. S. Hall, Rev. U. Harris, Rev. John Robinson, Rev. John Chapman, Rev. E. Latimer, Rev. Ralph Clapp, Rev Deboyd Hutchins, Rev. J. H. Harpst (twice,) Rev. Thomas Jolly, Rev. R. D. Edgar, Rev. Philip J. Bull, Rev. J L. Edson, Rev. Thomas McMahon, Rev. W. W. Runyan, Rev. John M. Bull, Rev. Thomas McMullan, Rev. A. W. Webster, Rev. Thomas Dodd, Rev. J. Z. Kellogg, Rev. Francis A. Ball, Rev. James A. Roberts, Rev. C. Hinman, Rev. W. H. Bunnell, Rev. G. F. Robins. The following presiding elders have had charge of the district: Rev. Elijah Hibbard, Rev. M. Tooker, Rev. John Copeland, Rev. Dr. F. G. Hibbard, Rev. Moses Crow, Rev. John Nevins, Rev. J. M. Kellogg, Rev. Joseph Tuttle, Rev. Joseph Hogoboom, Rev. A. A. Sutherland, Rev. U. S. Beebe, Rev. Theron Cooper, Rev. Dr. L. C. Queal, Rev. J. C. Nichols, Rev. R. D. Munger. August 18, 1889, Rev. James A. Roberts and Rev. Gilbert Travis preached appropriate sermons to celebrate the semi-centennial anniversary of the building of the church, which still stands in excellent preservation.

The officers of the church are: Bishop, Edward G. Andrews, D. D.; presiding elder, Rev. R. D. Munger; pastor, G. F. Robins; stewards, George

Story, Edward Payne, Walter Morehouse, Lena Pendill, John Seeber, John Lamson, Cora Lamson, George Risedorph, Lucy Phillips and Maggie Risedorph; trustees, G. Story, John Seeber and E. Payne; class leader, James Avery.

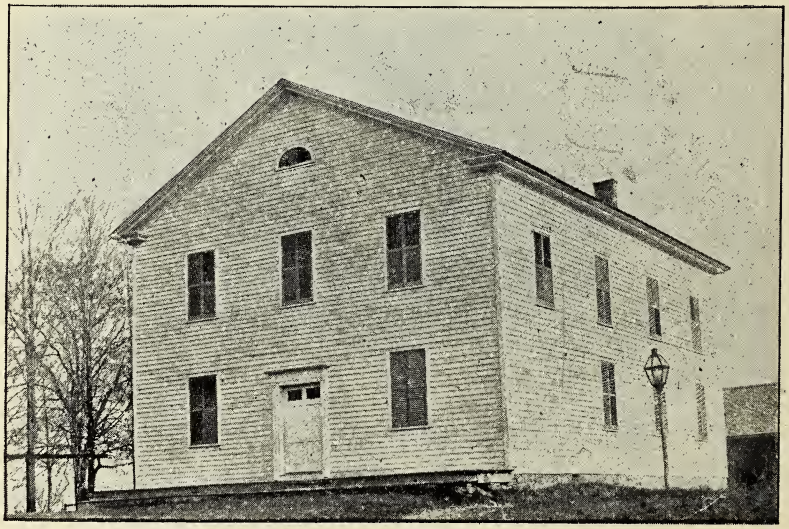
REV. GEORGE FREDERICK EDGAR ROBINS.



Rev. George Frederick Edgar Robins was born in Abingdon, county of Berkshire, England, where he received a high school education, and moved to Canada in the year 1886. For four years he resided with a Methodist preacher, Rev. T. Lyster, in Melbourne, Quebec, and came to the United States in the year 1890. He has been engaged in evangelistic work in New York State. In the fall of 1893, he was granted an exhorter's license on the recommendation of Rev. Dr. H. B. Bender, pastor of the First M. E. church of Auburn. Early in the year 1895, he was employed by the presiding elder, Rev. R. D. Munger, and sent to Summerhill, until the annual conference was held in Syracuse. Since then he has been laboring upon the Junius charge. In the summer of 1894, the 6th day of June, he was married to Miss Clara A. Remley, daughter of Mr. L. C. Remley, of Auburn.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF JUNIUS.

NOVEMBER 21, 1811, a church was regularly organized of the Congregational order, in the North West Settlement of the town of Junius. The Rev. R. Powell was chosen moderator, Judah T. Swift clerk; the Rev. John Stewart of Seneca Falls was also present. The following persons were duly examined and admitted to the church, having agreed to the articles of faith and covenant: Kezia Dryer, Huldah More, Rebecka Swift, Lyda Swift, Margaret Brown, Abigail Roberts, Judah Swift, Lydia Bigelow, Bostwick Brown, Purchase Roberts, Elizabeth Rugs, Casamanda More, Mary Hammond, Elizabeth Worcester, Herman Swift, Nancy Wood, Caleb Bruster, Deborah Bruster, and Asa More. The Moderator then pronounced it a



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regularly organized church, and Purchase Roberts and Bostwick Brown were chosen deacons. At this time they held their meetings in private dwellings or in the school houses, as most convenient. At a meeting held at the school house on March 2, 1814, according to previous notice, Rev. Henry Axtell of Geneva being present, was chosen Moderator, and T. F. Swift, Clerk. On motion it was "resolved that this church receive and adopt the confession of faith of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America." Thereupon, the following persons were elected ruling elders: Purchase Roberts, Asa Moore, Bostwick Brown, Elias Grow, and Luther Redfield. The deacons of the old organization were retained. The session was directed to ask that the church be taken under the care of the Presbytery of Geneva. Rev. Joseph Merrill of Lyons was one of the early pastors. On July 9, 1816, Caleb Barnum was chosen ruling elder and also Clerk of Sessions, which office he filled until July 11, 1868. Rev. T. Pomeroy was also one of the early pastors,

holding meetings in the school houses. He served the church seven years in connection with his labors at Lyons. The church was commenced, June 23, 1824, and finished and dedicated, March 19, 1826, costing about $2,400. On January 25, 1828, a call was made to Rev. Joseph Merrill, and he was installed as pastor, February 20, 1828. He served the church nine years as pastor, and as a supply, until January, 1844. In 1851, the church was repaired at a cost of $400, and again in 1869 the building was thoroughly repaired at a cost of $2,100, and re-dedicated on August 26, 1869, Rev. William Young being pastor at the time.

The first sacrament of the Lord's Supper was held January 19, 1812, Rev. John Stewart officiating. In July, Rev. John Stewart went into the army as chaplain. From July, 1812, to December, 1814, the church was without a stated minister, and was occasionally served by Dr. Axtell of Geneva, Rev. Francis Pomeroy of Lyons, Rev. Joseph Merrill, and Rev. Lyman Barrett. In the change from Congregational to Presbyterian this corporation was known as the Second Presbyterian Church of Junius, the First being at Seneca Falls. John Abel, Caleb Barnum, and Judah F. Swift were the first trustees in 1823. On February 28, 1844, Rev. George W. Gridley was ordained and installed over this church, by the Presbytery of Geneva, and remained until his death, September 25, 1846. In erecting the church, at first, it was done by the free gift of the material and labor of those interested. They were noble men and builded well.

During the existence of this church there have been two regular pastors and nineteen stated supplies. At no time has there been over one hundred members, and now there are sixty-three. The present pastor is Rev. S. C. Garlick, and the Clerk is George J. Serven. The following are the ministers that have served the church since its organization: Rev. Howell Powell, Rev. John Stewart, Rev. Dr. Axtell, Rev. Joseph Merrill, Rev. Francis Pomeroy, Rev. Lyman Barrett, Rev. Moses Young, Rev. Hiram Harris, Rev. George Gridley, Rev. William H. Magee, Rev. Ezra Jones, Rev. William Young, Rev. Chacey Francisco, Rev. Alfred DeLong, Rev. Allen Cooper, Rev. Lemuel Puroy, Rev. Silas McKinney, Rev. Allen R. Traver, Rev. Samuel R. Warender, Rev. John English, Rev. H. P. Hamilton, Rev. S. C. Garlick.

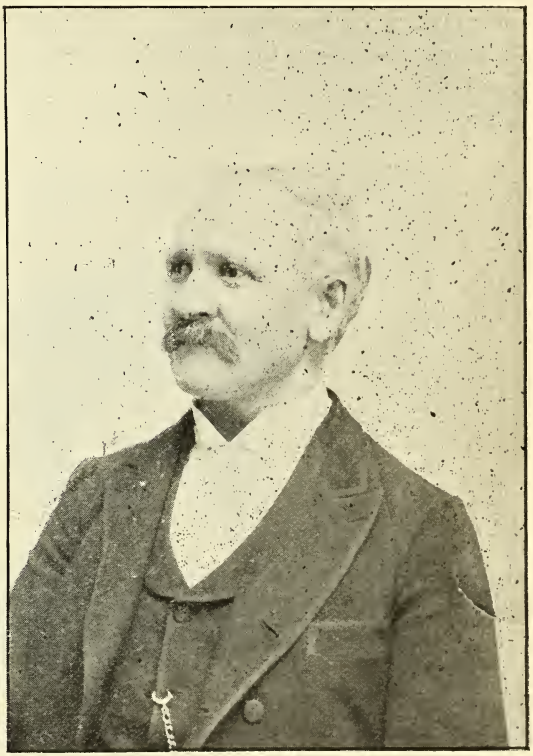
LIST OF MEMBERS.

Lorenzo Brownell
George J. Serven
William Brownell
Charles Condit
Manlius R. Haight
David Watson
Caleb A. Barnum
Charles F. Barrett
Horatio A. Serven
Henry J. Serven
William Brightman
Andrew S. Quin
John S. Brownell
Ely Pulver
Frank Reynolds
Edward Quin
Electa Braden
Arthur T. Reynolds
Bertha F. Watson
Louisa M. Brownell
Julia F. Osborn
Mary A. Braden
Parthenia N. Brownell
Eliza J. Barrett
Eliza Condit
Sarah H. French
Eliza Serven
Catharine A. Haight
Agnes L. Barnum
Ellen M. Lundy

Anna E. Brownell
Sarah VanDemark
Mary F. Smith
Mary Brightman
Julia E. Dean
Nellie B. VanDemark
Lizetta L. Quin
Margaret Pulver
Josephine Wetherlow
John Wetherlow
Nettie Burgdorf
Lottie M. Serven
Cordelia Reynolds
Manie E. Deuel
Adda E. Reynolds
Florence M. Condit
Rena Brownell
Dora Lape
William Green
Alla Brightman
Alberta Hall
Emma Hall
Jennie Yacal
Adda Yacal
Mamie W. Reynolds
Josephine Yury
Carrie Reynolds
Martha Garlick
Bertha Nelson
Sarah J. Colter
Flora Lundy
Caroline M. Carman
Edward Sharp
Castella Sharp
Libbie Ferris
Spiddie E. Peck
Herbert Lundy
Rose Lundy
Albert Lundy
Walter Lundy

REV. S. C. GARLICK.

Rev. S. C. Garlick, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Junius, was born in Rose, Wayne county, N. Y., November 20, 1846, being the only son of William and Caroline Clary Garlick. His early education was obtained in the district school and a term each in Red Creek Academy and Tulley Seminary, at Fulton. For several years thereafter he was mainly engaged in teaching and farming. Having previously prepared himself by general reading and home study, in the fall of 1886 he entered the junior class of Auburn Theological Seminary, graduating therefrom in May, 1889. Three months before completing his course at Auburn he was called to supply the Presbyterian Church at Ludlowville, Tompkins county. During the two years in which he was located there the church membership was largely increased. In the spring of 1891, he resigned his charge to take work in Iowa. Just as he was about to settle he was stricken with nervous prostration and compelled to relinquish all work and return to New York State. In July of the same year, having partially recovered, he engaged to supply the Presbyterian Church, Dresden, N. Y., remaining there two years, from there removing to his present field at Junius. Since his coming to Junius, members have been received into the church at nearly every common service—thirty-four having been added during the two and one-half years of his pastorate. Mr. Garlick is characterized by fervor and enthusiasm in the pulpit, by industry both in study and pastoral work, and by a genial personality. He is a member of the Presbytery of Lyons.



REV. S. C. GARLICK.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL (UNION) CHURCH, WEST JUNIUS.

A MEETING was held February 28, 1848, at the residence of Henry Terbush, in West Junius, to consider the advisability of erecting a house of worship for Christian service. A subscription was drawn up and those present pledged assistance as follows: Abram S. Newton, David Newton, Stephen Collamer, Stephen Crouch and Jonathan Soules—each $50; Henry Terbush and Tern Odell, each $30. The paper was then circulated through the community, and sufficient money was pledged to warrant the undertaking of the building. The land for the site was taken along the boundary between the farms of Messrs. Newton and Terbush, and was donated by the owners, the respective deeds being signed by Henry Terbush and Nellie, his wife, and Abram Newton and Betsey, his wife. These deeds

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were filed June 28, 1848. Fourteen days before, a meeting had been held and an organization of a church society completed by the election of the following trustees: Abram S. Newton, David Newton, Stephen Collamer, Henry Terbush and Stephen Crouch. The church was finished and dedicated January 25, 1849, Rev. William H. Goodwin of the Methodist Fpiscopal church officiating, he being then pastor at Lyons. A Methodist Episcopal society was organized and the building was placed in its charge on these conditions: This society to have the right to occupy it on every alternate Sunday, and also at any other time when it is not wanted by some other Christian denomination.

A Methodist Episcopal class has been maintained here ever since, as a part of Junius charge. The first Quarterly Conference was held with this class, January 17, 1852, Rev. U. Harris being pastor in charge. That spring money was raised to construct sheds for the accommodation of attendants at the

services, Abram Newton being chairman and Jonathan Soules, secretary of the meeting which authorized the enterprise. The sheds were erected at a cost of $220. The class now is very small, numbering only eight members, but the congregations at public worship are large, and formed of attentive listeners. The stewards to look after the financial interests of the church are George Risedorph, Miss Lucy Phillips and Miss Maggie Risedorph. Its pastor is Rev. G. F. Robins, whose portrait and sketch appear in connection with the Stone church, near which is his residence.

TOWN OF TYRE.

BAPTIST CHURCH OF JUNIUS AND TYRE.

THE Baptist church of Junius and Tyre was organized in 1807, during a religious revival, but its origin was in the pious zeal of Asa Smith and Margaret, his wife, and Caleb Woodworth and Rebecca, his wife, Baptist pioneers who came, the former in 1803, and the latter in 1805. They

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held meetings at their respective homes, on alternate Sabbaths, for prayer and praise. Dan. Ralph or Rolfe, who came in 1804, and Samuel Messenger, in 1807, were licentiates among the early settlers and occasionally preached. The latter was ordained in 1808, and served the church as pastor until 1815. Before his time preaching was furnished by Elder Irish, coming from Scipio, and Elder Caton, from Romulus, also by home missionaries, among whom were Elders Rathbone and Hartwell. In 1815 there were forty-seven members. For two years there was no settled pastor, then Jeremy F. Holman came in

1817, was ordained in 1819 and remained till 1821. During his four years' pastorate the membership increased to ninety-four. Rev. Luther Goodrich was pastor for a year and was followed, January 1st, 1823, by Rev. William W. Brown. He remained until March 13, 1828. Rev. Roy G. Lewis succeeded him, is recorded as standing moderator in a covenant meeting, December 3, 1828, was ordained June 16, 1830, and closed his pastorate September 3, 1831. Rev. Luther Goodrich became pastor for the second time a few weeks later, and remained until the close of 1833, when he embraced the doctrines of Alexander Campbell and withdrew from the fellowship of the Baptist church. Some of the members followed him. Elder Brown again supplied the church for a season, until, in July, 1835, Nathan Baker, a licentiate, became the pastor. He was ordained in 1837 and remained until 1839.

It was during the pastorate of Elder Baker that the first house of worship was erected—the meeting house which still exists. There was also great growth in the society. But an unhappy difficulty arose Elder William W. Brown not favoring the progressive tendency of the church, and holding fast to Gill's "Body of Divinity," went over to the Old School Baptists at Melvin Hill, taking with him his family and some others. Jacob Blane was pastor from April, 1840, to April, 1841. G. N. Roe followed for a year. In November, 1842, Rev. E. Blakely was settled over the church, remaining till March, 1845. During his pastorate, the membership reached 150, its maximum. Rev. Anson Graham followed and remained five years. Rev. Silas Gilbert served as supply for a time and was ordained in July, 1846, but closed his labors, March 1st, 1852. Rev. A. N. Jones followed in April and remained four years, when death severed his relations with the church. Rev. James Parker was pastor from January to November, 1857. Rev. Bethel H. Brasted supplied the pulpit for a few months and then was ordained to the pastorate, October 7, 1858. Rev. E. M. Buyen followed him, from February to November, 1859. Rev. N. Ferguson served until June, 1862. Rev. W. K. Cushman then supplied the pulpit for a few months.

July 1, 1863, the church engaged a licentiate of their own membership to supply their pulpit. So efficient did he prove and so abounding in the fruits of the ministry, that he was ordained elder in 1864, and, as Rev. Pulaski E. Smith, commenced a pastorate that has continued to the present time, and marks an era of prosperity in the history of the church. In 1868, the meeting house was repaired at an expense of $1,500. About three years later, a large shed was built and the old one repaired—afterwards that was rebuilt. In 1893, the meeting house was again repaired. This time there was a complete renovation of the exterior and interior. A tower was built and a bell put in. The galleries were removed. Stained glass windows took the place of the old ones. The audience room was arched and frescoed and newly seated. These repairs cost about $2,000. His first revival was in the winter of 1867, at which time a large number of persons united with the church. Other revivals

followed at intervals of three or four years. The last one occurred in the spring of 1894. In none of these revivals has the church ever received any outside help from evangelists. Notwithstanding the large numbers added to the church during all of these years, the removal of the young people to other parts has kept the membership about the same in numbers. Churches in cities and towns, and in the western States, are replenished at the expense of our country churches in the East. This church is as prosperous at the present time as it has been at any period of its long history. The Sunday school, the Y. Y. S. C. E. and the other organizations of the church are doing good work.

The first deacons of whom record is made were elected September 20, 1823. They were the two first on the list given herewith, which embraces all to the present time, viz.: Theophilus Cross, Samuel Hart, Mr. Burdick, John Hutchins, Alanson Morehouse, Caleb Woodworth, Rodman Hart, John Graves, L. P. Russell, William B. Olin, William Avery, J. M. Graves, S. H. White, Those who have served as clerk are, in their order, as follows: Asa Smith, J. F. Holman, W. W. Brown, William B. Olin, Caleb Woodworth, William A. Goodwin, C. L. Smith, J. W. Yury.

The Sunday school consists of about 100 members. Its officers are as follows: Superintendent, Mrs. Alfred Morehouse; organist, Mrs. Sarah Alleman; chorister, J. W. Yury. Young Peoples' Society of Christian Endeavor has a membership of seventy-nine, and its officers are: President, Adolph Smith; vice-president, Mrs. Emory Story; recording secretary, Miss Bertha White; corresponding secretary and treasurer, Miss Hazel Alleman. Farther Light Missionary society—membership, twenty; president, Mrs. David Compson; secretary, Miss Jennie Demarest. Ladies' Aid society—President, Mrs. Barny Craft; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Robert White; and twelve vice-presidents for distribution of the work; Woman's Missionary Society—President, Mrs. P. E. Smith; secretary, Mrs. L. B. Morehouse.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

Phebe E. Hutchins
James M. Graves, Deacon
Sarah A. Vandenburg
Truman Decker
Mary Decker
Spencer H. White, Deacon
Charlotte S. White
Rev. W. B. Olin
Margaret Olin
Mary E. Bradley
Alfred J. Morehouse
Lavancia B. Morehouse
M. A. Barrett
Mary A. Compson
Hester W. Haines
Frances A. Smith
Levi H. Gear
Cornelia E. Barrett
William W. Morehouse
Robert White
Ezra J. White
Elizabeth W. White
Emily Easton
Martha Hill
H. L. D. Arnold
Deannie Dunham
Mary M. Dunham
Ella B. Arnold
Nelson Opdyke
Eliza J. Opdyke
Alice Olin Thorne
Charles Barrett
Luzilla H. Barrett
Robert J. Bennett
Julia Bennett
John F. Long
Wilbur D. Hill
Elizabeth G. Birdsey
Minnie S. Avery
Julia A. Bowen
Alfred A. Dubois
Charles A. Avery
Nettie Yury
Philip H. Lape
George Earls
Helen Earls
Foster White
David Weaver

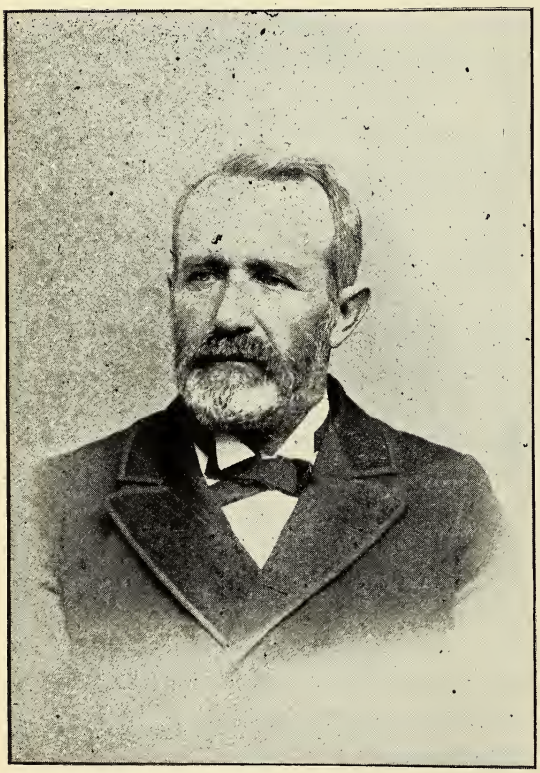
Mary A. Smith
Nettie White
Sarah Alleman
Jennie Burgdorph
Lily Hill
A. E. Pierson
Barney Kraft
Kate Kraft
David Goodwin
Mary E. Goodwin
John W. Yury
Lena Yury
E. Payson Smith

Louise Demarest
Jennie Olin Serven
Josephine Weaver
Pearl Compson
Herbert Compson
Hugh Compson
May Burtless
Kate Burtless
Karl Burtless
Burney Burtless
Robert E. Graves
Leroy Morehouse
Barton Morehouse

Hayes Demarest
Jennie Demarest
May Demarest
Arthur VanArsdale
William Kraft
Fred VanKirk
Edith R. Kinnitz
Leona R. Morehouse
Irena Russell
Edith Bennett
Joseph Hill
Mrs. J. Hill

REV. PULASKI E. SMITH, A. M.

Rev. Pulaski E. Smith, pastor of the Baptist Church of Junius and Tyre, is of mingled Puritan and German blood. His paternal great-grandfather, Joshua Smith, and great-grandmother, Mary Snow, both descended from passengers on the Mayflower. Their son, Asa, a Revolutionary soldier, while living in Vermont, married Margaret, the daughter of Nicholas Traver, a German immigrant, and became a pioneer of Seneca county. Their son, Jason Smith, became a prominent citizen of the locality, occupying official positions, and having the honor of selecting the name for the town of Tyre. He married Sarah Wells, whose parents, also pioneers here, afterwards moved to the western part of the State. Pulaski E., was born August 8, 1829. He worked on the farm, attended Seneca Falls Academy, taught school, and graduated from Rochester University in the class of 1859. He was principal of Pulaski Academy for three years, and in 1861 married Miss Frances A. Gould, preceptress of Macedon Academy. They have two children, a daughter who is a graduate of Vassar and the Albany Normal school, and is now teaching at Cook Academy, and a son who is a graduate of Mynderse Academy and Rochester University, and is teaching at Mexico, Oswego county.



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While at Pulaski, Mr. Smith felt called to the ministry, and for a year supplied a Baptist church at Sandy Creek. He then came to a farm purchased of his father, and in 1864 was ordained and installed pastor of the church whose origin dated to the Christian home of his grand-parents. A few years ago his Alma Mater, Rochester University, conferred upon him the title of Master of Arts. Under his charge the church has thriven and prospered.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF TYRE.

IN 1810, the Genesee Conference of the M. E. Church was organized, and Tyre was included in Seneca circuit, Susquehanna District, Rev. Gideon Draper, presiding elder. In 1817, the first Methodist class was formed in the town of Tyre, by Rev. Palmer Roberts, on the State Road, just east of the Black Brook, at the house of Jotham Gardner, near which a building for public worship was subsequently erected. This class contained the following persons: Jotham and Hannah Gardner; their two daughters,

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Mary and Susan; Moses L. Gardner and wife; Susannah Pierson, and a person whose name is not remembered. The late Joseph Metcalf, and Peter and Henry Marcellus, or Marceleous, were conspicuous in helping this little band, of which Moses L. Gardner was appointed leader. As near as can be ascertained, Revs. Palmer Roberts, W. Jones, Chester Adgate, Jacob Early, Mr. Jewett, and Alpheus Hayden were preachers on the Seneca circuit in those days. About 1828, the Gardner family moved West, and soon after, the class was disbanded. From the formation of the class to 1833, Methodism in Tyre

had no resting place, and her itinerants no settled home. In the fall of 1832, James Hall and Noble Parmeter were appointed to the Seneca circuit. During the following winter there was an extensive revival, in which Samuel North, a local preacher, rendered valuable assistance. This revival resulted in the addition of about one hundred members to the church.

March 22, 1833, the Union Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Tyre was legally organized, and John Armitage, Reuben D. Pierson and Ebenezer Munson were elected trustees. Within a few years of this date about one-fourth of the society removed to Michigan. Soon after the organization of the society, a church edifice was erected, which was used as a place of worship for some time before the building was finished. At the Conference of 1841, the Seneca circuit was divided, and this part was called the Junius circuit, with the following appointments: Junius, Alloway, Tyre, Evans school house, Lay school house, West Junius and Marengo. In 1857, the Junius circuit was divided and Tyre became a station. In the last year of Rev. A. W. Green's pastorate, the membership was doubled. Under Rev. O. Switzer's administration, a new brick church was erected, the result of the untiring effort and co-operation of pastor and people, and during the present pastorate, ground has been broken for a new parsonage, and $1,000 has been secured on subscription for the same. For some time this church has yearly been favored with special outpourings of the spirit; souls being converted to God and the church edified. But one person who united with the church at its organization, remains—Mrs. Hannah Compson.

Presiding elders since 1833 have been: Revs. Abner Chase, Robert Burch, Elijah Hibbard, Manly Tooker, John Copeland, J. Nevins, F. G. Hibbard, Moses Crow, J. K. Tuttle, A. Sutherland, J. H. Kellogg, R. Hogoboom, B. I. Ives, B. Shove, U. S. Beebe, Theron Cooper, L. C. Queal, J. C. Nichols, U. S. Beebe, (second term) and R. D. Munger. The pastors of this church since 1833, and the circuits to which it belonged are: Seneca circuit—Benjamin Sabin, Ezra Cole, John Baggerly, J. Chapman, Delos Hutchins, Asa Orcutt, Gideon J. Shurtliff, J. Mandeville, W. Osborn, and P. Roberts. Junius circuit—Samuel W. Wooster, Ira Fairbanks, J. Pearsall, R. Bennett, J. Lickenby, Asa Story, I. J. B. McKinney, J. Shaw, R. Harrington, J. K. Tinkham, M. Wheeler, H. Harris, J. Robinson, J. T. O. Wooden, and J. Chapman. Tyre station—B. S. Borden, U. S. Hall, L. G. Weaver, D. S. Bacon, John Parker, E. Hotchkiss, A. W. Green, R. T. Hancock, J. R. Pendell, W. N. Sharp, O. Switzer, N. Sutton, M. J. Murphy, G. R. Hopping, E. G. Marsh, T. Daykin, G. A. Warburton, S. F. Beardslee, J. Easter, W. C. Mattison, H. Yates, E. Hoxie, O. D. Fisher, B. A. Partridge, L. L. Wilcox, and F. M. Warner. The present officers of the church are: Pastor, F. M. Warner; class leaders, O. B. Cudebec, N. J. Traver, William Nearpass, J. S. Armitage; trustees, N. J. Traver, H. H. Woodworth, Jacob Westbrook, J. S. Armitage, T. T. Munson; stewards, T. T. Munson, George H.

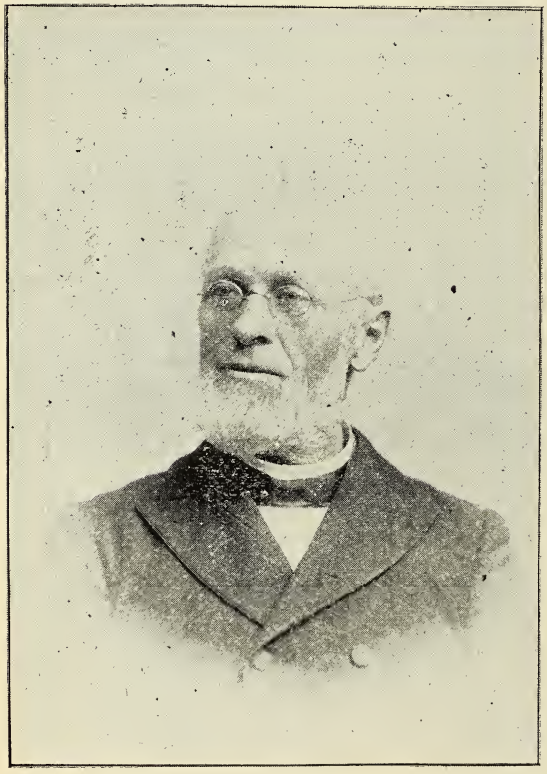
Leigh, N. J. Traver, J. S. Armitage, O. B. Cudebec, A. Barrett, William Nearpass, Mrs. G. H. Leigh, Mrs. N. J. Traver, Mrs. H. H. Woodworth, Mrs. Addie Lamb; Sunday school superintendent, Rev. F. M. Warner; president of Epworth League, A. W. Armitage.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

Armitage, J. Stanley
Armitage, Estelle K.
Armitage, A. Wesley
Babcock, Ida V.
Barrett, Albert
Barrett, Catherine S.
Bishop, Electa M.
Bonnard, Thomas E.
Bonnard, Esther S.
Bowen, Augustus S.
Bowen, Maria B.
Bowen, Harry
Brown, Albert H.
Brown, Mariette K.
Cappy, Zyephia
Cappy, William H.
Cappy, Charles E.
Cappy, G. Franklin
Carris, Sarah M.
Clark, Lizzie M.
Cudebec, Orlando B.
Cudebec, Sarah V.
Cudebec, Bertha M.
DeBois, Edith E.
Durling, William A.
Durling, Lovina W.
Durling, Lesta L.
Dutcher, Freelove S.
Edwards, Ethel L.
Ellsworth, Nancy H.
Hazard, Alice S.
Held, Ernest C.
Kear, Daniel J.
Kear, Margaret L.
Lamb, Eugene H.
Lamb, Stella S.
Lamb, Addie C.
Lamb, Clarence R.
Langdon, O. Spencer
Langdon, Mary V.
Langdon, Phebe O.
Lay, Thomas
Lay, Christiana F.
Lay, Delia F.
Lay, M. Bertha
Lay, Mary V.
Leigh, George H.
Leigh, Phebe P.
Leigh, Wilbur G.
Leigh, Fred P.
Marsh, Daniel
Marsh, Caroline C.
Marsh, Luella R.
Marsh, Joanna K.
Manthie, Magdelene
McAvoy, Mary A.
Munson, Thomas T.
Munson, Sarah B.
Munson, Ellen S.
Nearpass, William
Nearpass, Annie V,
Nearpass, Adelbert J.
Spafford, Russell D.
Spafford, Jemima C.
Sparling, Henry
Stevenson, Mary
Sutterby, Elizabeth N.
Traver, Nicholas J.
Traver, Mary R.
VanCleef, William H.
VanCleef, Elizabeth W.
VanCleef, Luella M.
Vandemark, William L. S.
Vandemark, Samantha L.
VanRiper, Vernelia B.
VanRiper, Frank P.
Warner, Esther B.
Westbrook, Jacob
Westbrook, Phebe R.
Westbrook, Martha B.
Westbrook, Phebe L.
Westbrook, Mabel E.
White, John
White, Sarah D.
White, Ellen A.
White, Cecil D.
White, Mary S.
White, J. Raymond
Wilson, George, M. D.
Wilson, Amanda R.
Wilson, Franklin A.
Woodworth, Harriet W. B.

REV. FRANCIS M. WARNER.

Rev. Francis Monroe Warner, pastor of Tyre M. E. church, son of Nathaniel and Roxey Ingersoll Warner, was born in Enfield, Tompkins county, N. Y., April 30, 1834. He was converted to God in St. Catherines, Canada, in 1853. He was received into the Wesleyan Methodist church at St. Catherines, by Rev. William Price. He received a license to exhort at Niagara Falls, N. Y., in the M. E. church, in 1855, and a license to preach at the same place, in 1856. He was received as a probationer in the Genesee Annual Conference in September, 1856. In April, 1859, he was received into the Oneida Annual Conference. He was ordained deacon in 1861, and elder in 1866. He has served the following charges: Royalton and Middleport, Scipio, New Hope and Kelloggsville, Montezuma, Slaterville, West Dryden and Asbury, Union Springs, Red Creek, Camillus, Sodus, Bellona, Ledyard and West Genoa, Ovid, Catharine and Odessa, Tyrone, Fabius and Keeneys Settlement, Cincinnatus, Mainesburg, Pa., Jacksonville, and Tyre. On nearly all of these charges, under his pastorate, there have been revivals of religion, some of them quite extensive. August 28, 1856, he was married to Miss Mary A. Cannon, of Niagara Falls, N. Y. They were blessed with six children, all now living. Mrs. Mary A. Warner died of paralysis in Jacksonville, N. Y., April 4, 1894. October 1, 1895, he married Mrs. Esther J. Armitage, of Tyre, N. Y. During his pastorate in Tyre, he has secured a subscription of $1,000 for a new and much needed parsonage. The church, too, has prospered and the membership increased. During the nearly forty years of his ministry, he has not been kept two Sabbaths from his work by personal or family illness. To God be all the praise!



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REFORMED DUTCH CHURCH OF TYRE.

A SMALL Presbyterian Church had been established in the town of Tyre for several years, and within its bounds lived a number of families of the Dutch Reformed Church. A union was deemed advisable, and a meeting for this purpose was held January 18, 1835, when the Reformed Dutch Church was organized. There were thirty original members and several others soon joined with them. The following were the officers: Elders —Lewis J. Hasbrouck, Jesse Morehouse, James Crawford, and Joseph Synder; Deacons—Robert L. Stevenson, Thomas C. Magee, D. W. Schoonmaker, and Lucas Eckerson. The Presbyterian Church edifice was bought and Rev. William Gray called, as its first pastor, and he remained until

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October, 1846. He was not well enough to endure the severe winters, and Rev. C. Brower supplied the pulpit in the winter of 1844-45 and Rev. Finley in 1845-46. Rev. James M. Compton then took up the work of building up the young and struggling church. A parsonage was bought for $1,600, a Sabbath school and Bible class established, and the membership increased. Following quickly after Mr. Compton came Rev. J. R. Van Arsdale, under whose faithful ministrations of fourteen years, the church became quite strong in numbers and efficient in work. Yet, death called some faithful ones home. After Mr. Van Arsdale gave up the ministry he settled in the congregation, and was laid to rest May, 1870, in the cemetery across from the church, and one son became one of the church's most faithful workers. Then came Rev. R. M. Whitbeck, whose labors were not without blessing, for several were added to the church. Rev. C. Blauvelt then served for a very short time, but very acceptably. During his stay it was decided to change the location of the

church and bring it nearer the center of the congregation. The parsonage was changed for a smaller one, also. The new church was dedicated December 22, 1870, and Rev. W. D. Buckalew was installed pastor February 11, 1871. Then came sorrow to many hearts, for diphtheria took away several of the young ladies and children of the church. Faithfully for five years did Mr. Buckalew labor. Following him came Rev. J. Howard Van Doren, who sought by teaching and example, to lead to a higher Christian life. Rev. S. T. Cole's pleasant stay was so short we would hardly realize that he had been here were it not that one of his sons was captivated by a fair daughter of the church, and still remains with us. During F. W. Ruhl's stay came a revival which brought about twenty young people, beside several older ones, into the church communion. Rev. J. I. Gulick's work was short, but instructive. He left us for the West, while others of our pastors have gone east, the home of the Reformed Church, as it is now called. Rev. S. W. Roe came to us in the later years of his life, but he had lost but little of his early zeal and vigor. After the church had been supplied two years by students, Rev. G. Van Blarcom was settled as pastor in 1894, and he has labored very efficiently in building up the church and Sabbath school. Still, the membership is now smaller than it has ever been before since its organization. There are but few men, as the older ones have been removed by death, and many of the younger ones have found homes elsewhere; still, the interest in the work does not wane, nor our faith in the God of the Church grow less.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

Mrs. Martha Porter
Mrs. James VanArsdale
Mrs. J. R. VanArsdale
Mrs. Mary Morehouse
Mrs. Emma E. Spiller
Mrs. Mary Strong
Frederick J. Strong
Harriet Hasbrouck
Christine Hasbrouck
George W. Waugh
Mrs. Mary Hasbrouck
Mrs. Lamira Anderson
William Schoonmaker
Mrs. Nettie Schoonmaker
Mrs. Helena Stevenson
Mrs. Kate Emigh
Joseph M. Tidd
Rachael Hasbrouck
Mrs. Sara Worden
Charles Eggleston
Mrs. Martha Eggleston
Adolph Smith
Mrs. Louisa Smith
John Anderson
Mrs. Miranda Anderson
Willie Anderson
Leroy Anderson
Jacob Hasbrouck
Mrs. Lydia Orman
Sara Tidd
Louisa VanArsdale
Chester Cole
Mrs. Etta Cole
Margaret Marsh
William Hasbrouck
Robert Tripp
Leroy Smith
Mrs. Anna Strong
Mrs. Bertha Hasbrouck
Irving Langdon
Lena Smith
Mrs. Frank Strong
Elnora Earles
Maude Worden
Lizane Baird
Pearl Baird
Mrs. Florence Dunham
Archie Carter
John Griggs
Mrs. Lena Griggs
Florence Morehouse

REV. GRANT VAN BLARCOM.

Rev. Grant Van Blarcom, pastor of the Reformed Church of Tyre, was born in Jersey City, N. J., December 4, 1863. He received his early training in the public schools of that city. At the age of fourteen and for the space of two years, he was employed in the city of New York. Then, seized with the desire to go West, he went to Chicago and found employment in that city for a year. Having then been satiated with business life, he resumed his studies in preparation for college. He entered the Freshman class of Shurtleff College, Upper Alton, Ill., at the age of 19, after having spent two years in the preparatory school of this institution. While in college he was appointed

college librarian, being the first undergraduate to hold this position. In the fall of 1886, he entered the theological seminary at Andover, Mass., where he graduated in June, 1889. On graduation he was called to West Stewartstown, a small village in the northern part of New Hampshire. From here he was called back to Illinois, to the Congregational Church at Rosemond. After spending three years with this people, he resigned to go to the Rocky Mountains for rest and travel. He spent nine months as a missionary of the Congregational Home Missionary society at Lusk, Manville and Douglass, Wyoming. Then he returned East to enter the ministry of the Reformed Church, and was called to the pastorate of the Tyre Church in October, 1894.

FORMER PASTORS.

REV. DIEDRICH WILLERS, D. D.

WE DEEM it fitting to supplement these brief sketches of the churches in this county with short personal memoirs of pastors whose former labors within this territory helped to lay the foundation or rear the superstructure of Christian influence and activity in Seneca county. First of

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these we mention the sturdy German missionary who, first in the log cabins of the early settlers of the central part of the county, and later in well-furnished temples of brick and stone, ministered in spiritual things for more than sixty years, and stamped the impress of his character on two generations.

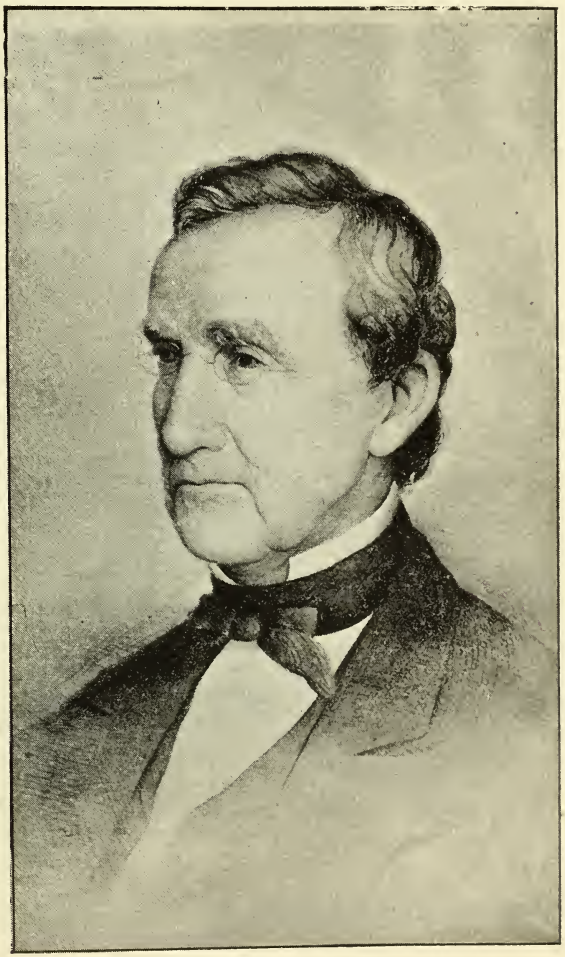
Rev. Dr. Diedrich Willers was born February 6, 1798, at Walle, a village adjoining the seaport city of Bremen, Germany. He was educated in the public schools of his native village and the city of Bremen. His parents dying in his childhood, he was brought up by an uncle. When Napoleon Bonaparte, in his career of ambition and oppression of the smaller States of Europe, took forcible possession of the city of Bremen, Mr. Willers, then a youth of sixteen years of age, entered the army of Hanover, in September, 1814, and served in the German division of the allied army, for a period of five years. He was an active participant in the memorable battle of Waterloo, in Belgium, June 16th, 17th and 18th, 1815, with the allied forces under command of the Duke of Wellington, which decided the fate of Bonaparte and had an important bearing upon the destinies of the monarchial powers of Europe. After this sanguinary battle, through which he passed unharmed, he remained with the allied army of occupation in France for more than three years—receiving a silver medal in recognition of his services. In October, 1819, soon after his honorable discharge from the army, he started for the United States, landing at Baltimore, Maryland, with indeed a very small capital, except indomitable energy and force of character. For a time he was engaged in teaching school in York county, Pennsylvania. Already in his early youth, he formed the resolution to enter the gospel ministry, and engaged in study preparatory thereto, which he resumed upon arriving in the United States, under private theological tutors. In April, 1821, he received a call to serve congregations in Seneca and adjoining counties in the State of New York, which he accepted and entered upon without delay, and in October, 1821, he was ordained to the ministry of the Reformed church of the United States—then known as German Reformed.

His pastoral charge was an extended one, a missionary field indeed, including, at different times, six preaching points in Seneca county, two in Tompkins, two in Cayuga and one each in Wayne, Livingston and Niagara counties. He served the congregation near his home, Christ church at Bearytown, for a consecutive period of sixty years and eight months, to January 1, 1882, when his resignation, rendered necessary by the infirmities of age, took effect. He preached his first sermon in the old log church at Bearytown, April 22, 1821. In 1824 the venerable structure was superseded by a substantial stone church, remodeled in 1883, and still in use. During the early part of his ministry, his preaching was exclusively in the German language, and after a time in German or English, as the congregations required; and during the first half of his pastoral service, a large part of the travel incident to so extended a field of labor was performed on horseback. During his long and active continuous term of ministerial service, believed to be almost unparalelled in the annals of the American pulpit, he performed a very large amount of pastoral work, and preached, in addition to his regular Sunday discourses, many funeral and special sermons, and performed a large amount of ministerial labor in adminis-

tering the rites of baptism and confirmation, and in the solemnization of marriages. In the classis and synod of the church with which he stood in connection, he was a leading and influential member, and was frequently called upon to preside over their deliberations. In recognition of his learning, his zeal and labors in the ministry, he received, a number of years before his decease, the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Franklin-Marshall college, at Lancaster, Pa., the oldest college of the German Reformed church in this country. Among the special sermons and addresses delivered by Dr. Willers, mention may be made of a discourse delivered at the semi-centennial of American Independence in 1826, and in 1876 he took part in the centennial thereof. He delivered also addresses upon the national anniversary, July 4th, 1833, 1851, and 1865. In 1830, when Joseph Smith was engaged in preparing the Book of Mormon, or Mormon bible, for publication, and in organizing Mormonism in West Fayette, Dr. Willers preached a discourse attacking the doctrines and fallacies of the Mormon leaders, based upon Galatians, first chapter, eighth verse. In 1879, at the Sullivan centennial celebration at Waterloo, Dr. Willers responded to the sentiment "The Clergy," and in July, 1880, he attended and delivered an address at Lyons, N. Y., upon the semi-centennial of a German church founded there by him. Dr. Willers was a warm friend of our Common School system, and soon after he became a naturalized citizen, he was chosen one of the inspectors of common schools of the town of Varick, where he resided, and afterwards for a number of years he held the position of Superintendent of Schools of his town. In 1861 and 1862, during a trying period in the history of this country, he was elected supervisor of Varick, serving also as chairman of the board, with great satisfaction to his constituents. Dr. Willers was married June 24, 1823, to Miss Frances Schirck of New Holland, Lancaster county, Pa., of Palatinate German ancestry, who died November 24, 1879. Of a family of eight children born to them, six grew up to mature years, and one son, bearing his father's name, and two daughters, Mrs. Margaret A. Bachman and Mrs. Caroline L. Reed, still survive their parents. The health of Dr. Willers, generally good, was impaired by a severe attack of pneumonia in the winter of 1882. In the early part of May, 1883, he was affected with bronchial disease, complicated with the infirmities of old age, and his death followed on Whit Sunday, May 13th, 1883, in the eighty-sixth year of his age. At the time of his decease he was the oldest minister of the Reformed church of the United States. His mortal remains found shelter in the family burial plot in the Burgh cemetery of Fayette, a large concourse being in attendance at the impressive funeral services and at the burial.

REV. SAMUEL H. GRIDLEY, D. D.

AMONG the leaders in religious work in Seneca county, not now ministering to the churches, it is proper that we mention Rev. Samuel Hart Gridley, who, for nearly fifty years, was pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Waterloo, and whose ability and devotion to the cause of Christ and humanity made him a power for good in the county. Dr. Gridley was born December



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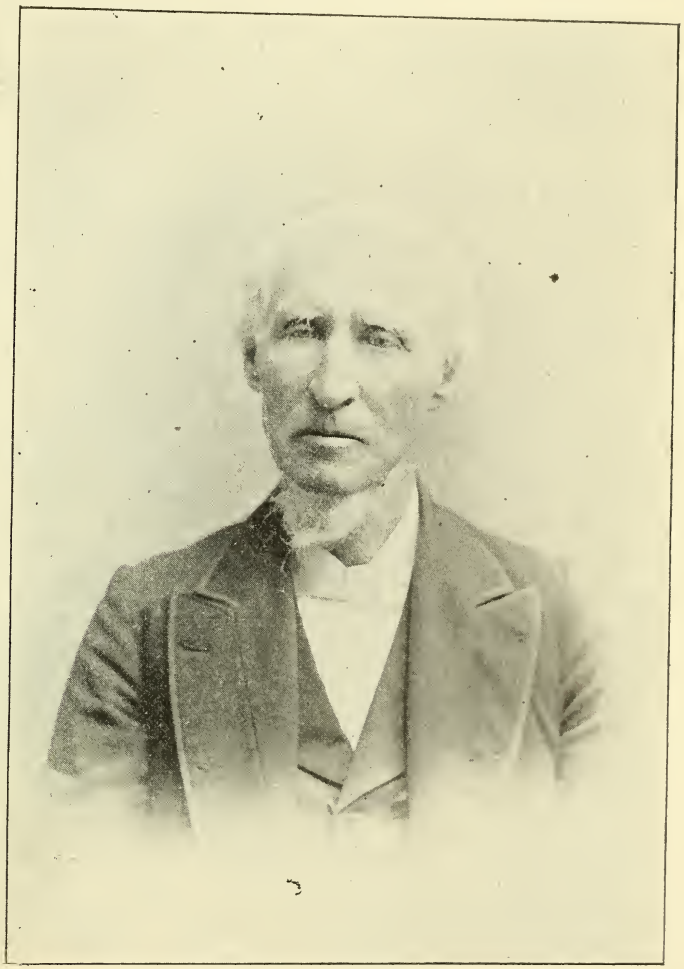
28, 1802, in Oneida county, the son of a farmer. In the intervals of farm work he prepared for college, and at the age of twenty entered the sophomore class in Hamilton. Ill health compelled him to forego the honors of graduation, but he continued his studies in private, and, four years later, entered Auburn Theological seminary. At the age of twenty-seven he was licensed by the Oneida Congregational Association, and commenced preaching. In 1830, he

was called to the pastorate of the Congregational Church in Perry, Wyoming county. He remained here three years, and then was settled as pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Waterloo. This pastoral relation continued until April 1, 1873, when failing health compelled him to relinquish its active duties; but he remained, beloved and honored, a pastor indeed to his people, until his death, October 1, 1885.

Hamilton College conferred upon him the degrees M. A. and D. D., and in the presbyteries and synods, he was known and respected as a man not only devout but learned. In all that concerned the true advancement of the people among whom he labored, he was ever interested and active. His public spirit was only equalled by his piety and devotion, and his name will long be honored not only by the Presbyterians of this county, but by all who love their fellow-men and rejoice in the upbuilding of mankind.

REV. NELSON A. DEPEW.

ALTHOUGH his labors have not been largely in this county, yet, as the oldest living clergyman within its borders, and as one of the pioneer preachers of the Lake Country, and of the historic "Seneca Circuit," it is certainly appropriate that Rev. N. A. DePew be mentioned in this volume. To him we are, indeed, indebted for many of the earlier facts with which we



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have supplemented the sketches given of some of the local churches. He is one of the few remaining representatives of the early Methodist itinerant. Abounding in labors, fervent in spirit, exhorting, persuading, if possible convincing, in season, out of season, on all occasions they labored for the Master. Their wives also toiled and suffered with them, and when, as in the family of Mr. DePew, they are spared to behold the fruits of their labors, they

become veritable Mothers in Israel, and deserve that their names also be mentioned in the honorable roll of the churches.

Rev. Nelson A. DePew was born in Kent, Connecticut, in 1813, and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1827. He entered the ministry in 1841, having previously held an Exhorter's license for two years. His record, therefore, as a public speaker is longer than that of most of his compeers, he having been fifty-seven years a licensed and ordained clergyman, and sixty-nine years a member of the church of God. For many years he engaged in teaching, even after he entered the ministry. After serving several churches in his native State, he, in 1847, went to Penn Yan, N. Y., and taught one term of school in Branchport, on the west branch of lake Keuka. A deep sense of responsibility of the sacred office, had ever oppressed him and to escape the responsibility, if possible, had led him to leave his native State. But he was engaged to preach the first Sunday after he arrived in Penn Yan, and, during the winter following, he labored in destitute places. When the Conference year came round, he yielded to the solicitation of the church and consented to go again into the work of the ministry. Hence, in 1848, he accepted a charge in Steuben county, N. Y., and for the following forty-four years consecutively, took his place with his brethren on the circuits. Five of these years were spent in Pennsylvania, and thirty-nine in the State of New York. Of these thirty-nine years, seven were passed between the lakes, Seneca and Cayuga, eight years on the west side of Seneca lake, and three on Keuka. He can truly say, in the evening of his life, "the lines have fallen to me in pleasant places, yea, I have had a goodly heritage." In 1892, as the evening shadows of life were folding around him, he asked for a superannuated relation, and for the last three and one half years, has resided south of Canoga at a home he very appropriately has named "Lake View Rest." From his veranda many miles of the beautiful lake lie before it, which in summer is like a mirror in its reflection. Five years of Mr. DePew's pastorates were in Seneca county, three with the Canoga, Varick and Fayette churches and two at Townsendville. His aged wife, two years his senior, still survives, but "in feebleness extreme." Her record is a noble one. For forty-seven years she has presided in a parsonage when a Methodist preacher's house was as a hotel to all Methodist travelers. In those early times it was seldom that the board was not crowded with strangers as guests. She tells of providing dinner for seventeen in one day. Truly, "Many daughters have done virtuously but thou excellest them all."

REV. LOUIS A. LAMBERT.

THE influence which Dr. Willers and Dr. Gridley exerted upon the Protestant population of the county, in the earlier years of its history, or Rev. DePew, not only in this county, but in the broader field to which the Methodist itinerancy called him, found its counterpart in the results of the labors of a Catholic priest and writer, who for twenty years

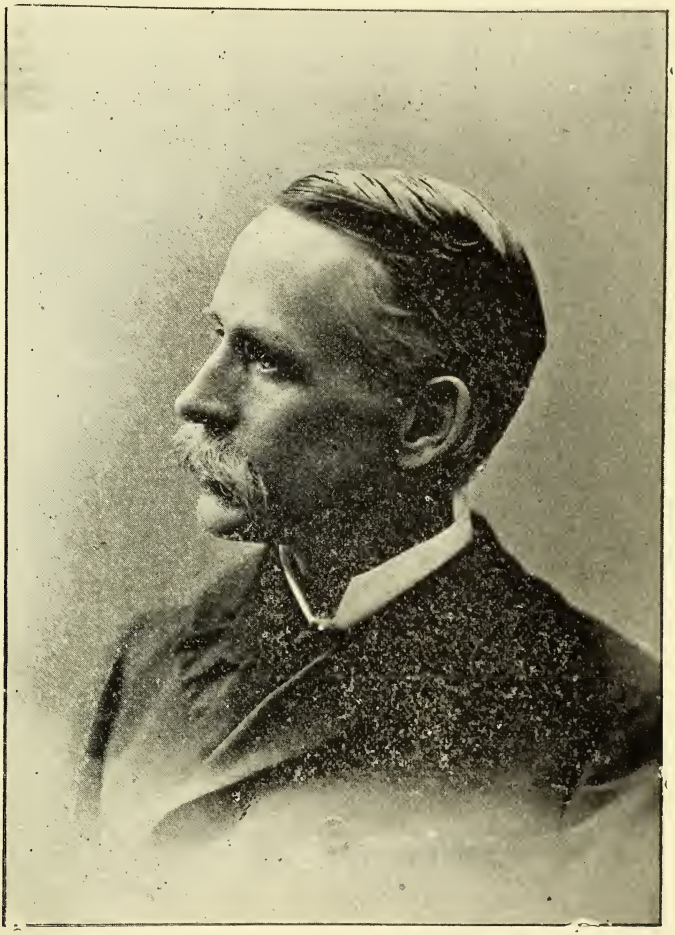
REV. LOUIS A. LAMBERT.

labored in the parishes of Seneca Falls and Waterloo, and whose broad views and abounding charity made him indeed Catholic in the literal sense of the word. Rev. Louis A. Lambert was born in Pennsylvania, February 11, 1835. His father was an Irish Catholic immigrant, a brother of Bishop Lambert of New Foundland. His mother, Lydia Jones, was a Quakeress, her ancestors coming to this country with William Penn. She became a devout Catholic. At

the age of 19, Father Lambert commenced his classical studies at St. Vincent's college and finished ecclesiastical preparations in the archdiocesan seminary at Carondelet, Mo. In 1859, he was ordained a priest in the diocese of Alton, Ill., and was assigned to parishes which required much mission work in the southern part of the State. July 1, 1861,, he was commissioned chaplain of the 18th Regiment,Illinois Volunteers. He remained two years, being present at the bloody battle of Shiloh. He was then appointed pastor at Cairo, Ill., and remained until 1868, when he went as teacher to the Paulist Novitiate in New York city. In 1869,he was placed in temporary charge of Seneca Falls parish, and a few months later was sent to Waterloo, where he remained nineteen years. During this pastorate his worth became known, not only to his church but to the people of Seneca county regardless of creed or denomination. His influence was entirely for good. He was foremost in every enterprise that promised secular, moral or religious benefit to the community. His clear intellect, warm heart and broad philanthropy brought him into touch with all classes, and endeared him to all. Under his care the parish flourished and built a large stone church, one of the finest in the diocese. Father Lambert is a writer of no mean reputation. He founded the Catholic Times at Waterloo, a paper which, growing larger in circulation and influence, was removed to Rochester and thence to Buffalo, being now the Catholic Union and Times, for which he has always been a prominent writer. His "Notes on Ingersoll" have given him fame as a controversialist. They are trenchant, logical, and abounding with keen satire. Ingersoll has never attempted to answer them. In 1889 Father Lambert was sent by Bishop McQuaid to the parish of Scottsville, where his work continues and his literary activity remains. He is now an associate editor of the Freeman's Journal.

REV. LEWIS HALSEY, D. D.

WHAT Rev. Diedrich Willers was to the church work of the central part of the county, and Rev. Dr. Gridley to that of the northern part, in the earlier years of the century, Lewis Halsey, D. D., has been to the southern towns in the later years—an influence, an inspiration, an embodied energy for good. Lewis Halsey was born at Trumansburg,



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January 19, 1843. His ancestry was good, tracing back to the early pioneer of Seneca, Hon. Silas Halsey, who was Judge, Assemblyman, State Senator, and Member of Congress. Lewis graduated at Trumansburg Academy in 1864, and about that time was made adjutant of the 50th Regiment, N. Y. S. N. G., Colonel Barto, commanding. The National Guard was not called out, and he entered Hobart College that same year, graduating with honors in 1868. He taught Latin and Natural Sciences at Oxford Academy for a year,

then entered Rochester Theological Seminary, graduating in 1872. He was ordained pastor at Ogden, Monroe county for two years, and then accepted a call from the Baptist Church at Farmer. Here he remained until 1891, and in this pastorate he developed the gifts which have made him one of the foremost ministers of his denomination in the State. Dignified and able in the pulpit, devoted and earnest in the prayer-meeting, comforting and consoling by the bedside of the sick or the dying, the light of the social circle, and an active, energizing influence in the schools and all public movements for the good of the community, he fulfilled all the requirements of his sacred calling. His literary ability was also developed during these years. He was the author of some poems, and a ready writer for the press, while addresses at anniversaries and even books came from his teeming brain. His Alma Mater made him a Master of Arts and a Doctor of Divinity, and Dr. Halsey was made the first trustee of Hobart College outside of the Episcopal Church. His pastoral record at Farmer, is two hundred and thirty-eight additions to the church, over two hundred marriages, and three hundred funerals. In 1891, he accepted a call to the Baptist Church at Castile, New York. He had just commenced work in his new field, when a call to larger work and greater usefulness came from the West Church of Oswego, the largest and most influential in the Oswego Baptist Association. He and his work have here prospered together, until now he has the care of nearly five hundred communicants. His interest in matters, literary and patriotic, have grown with his growth, and Dr. Halsey is a member of the society of the Sons of the Revolution, of the Reform Club of New York City, and the Fortnightly Club of Chicago.

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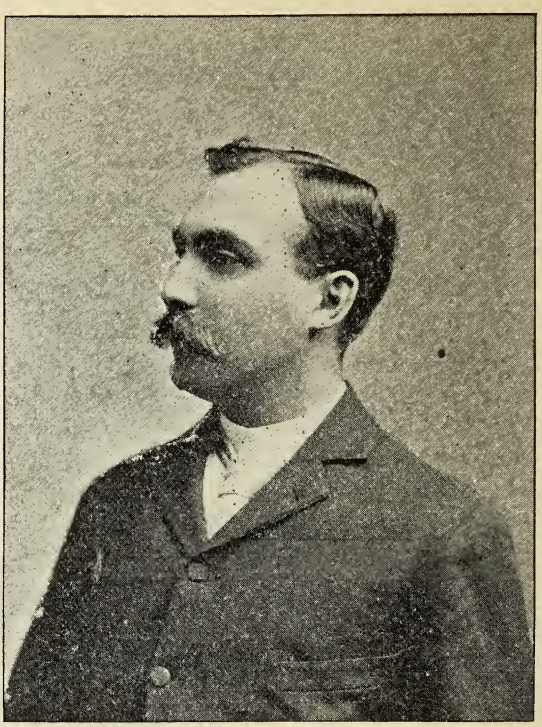

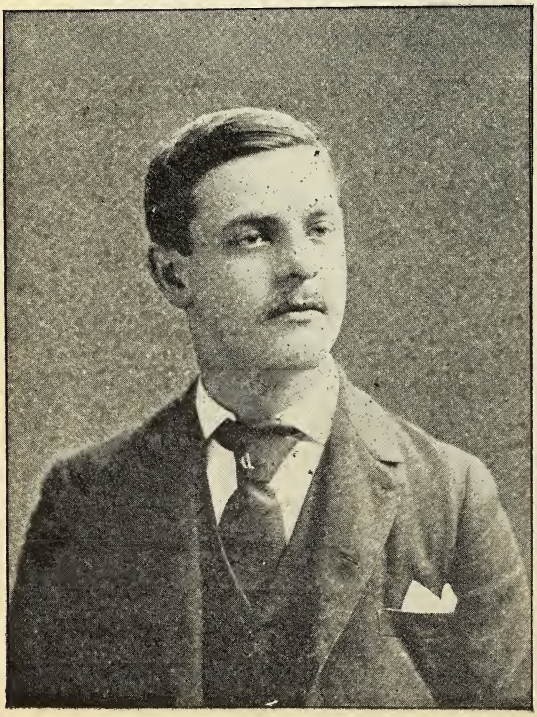

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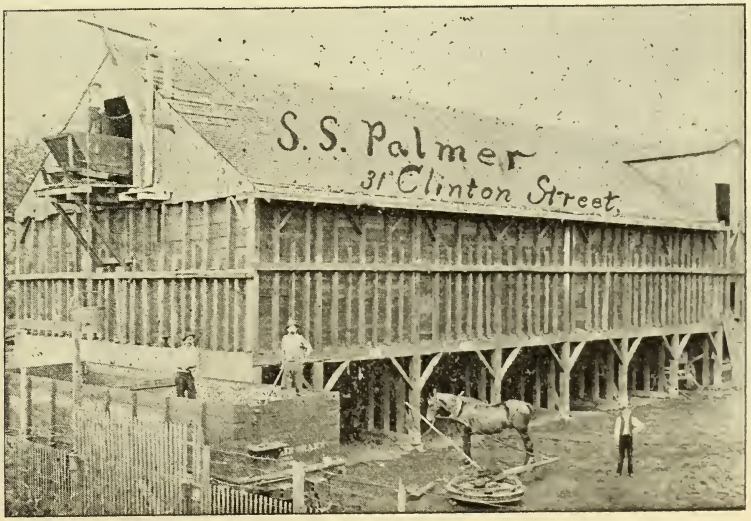

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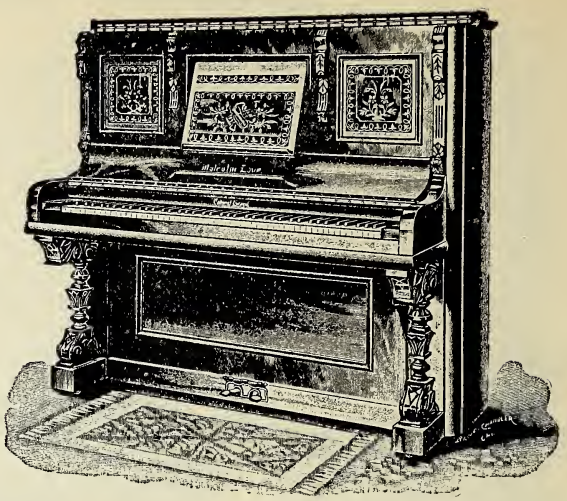

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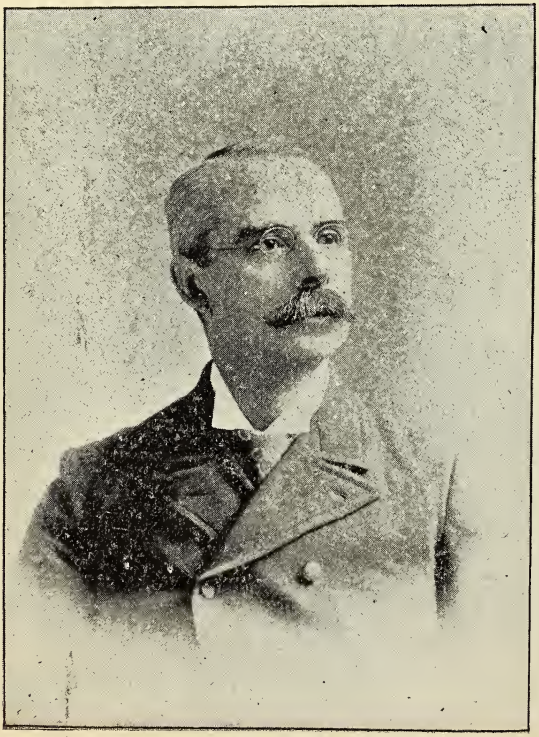

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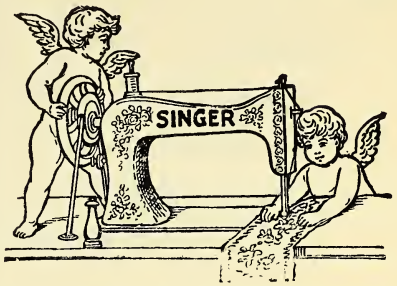

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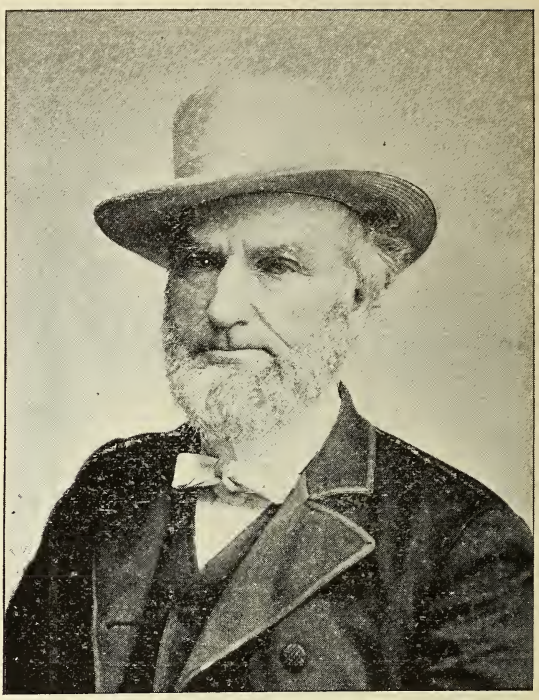

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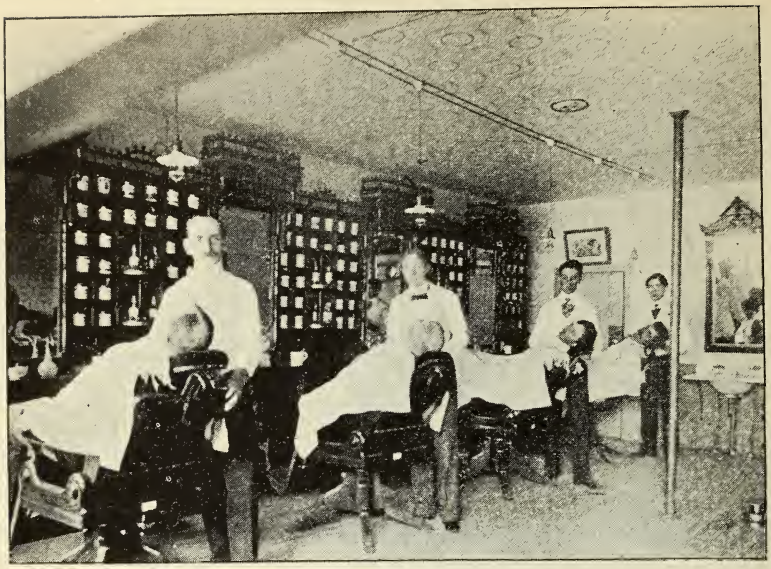

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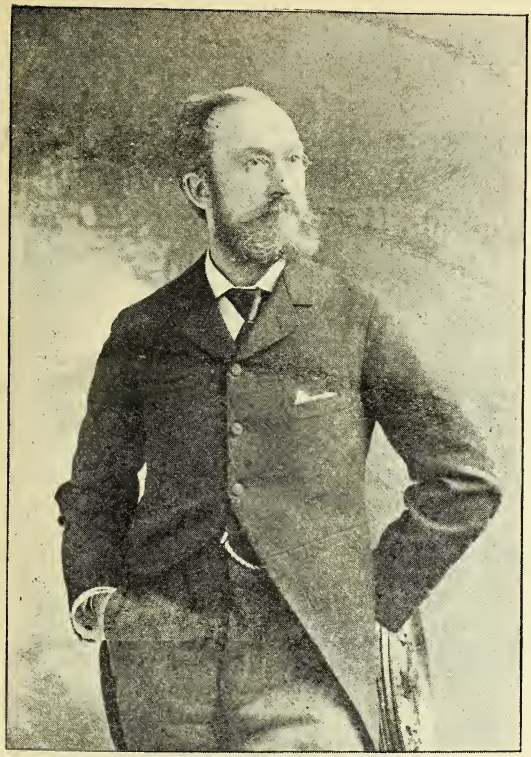

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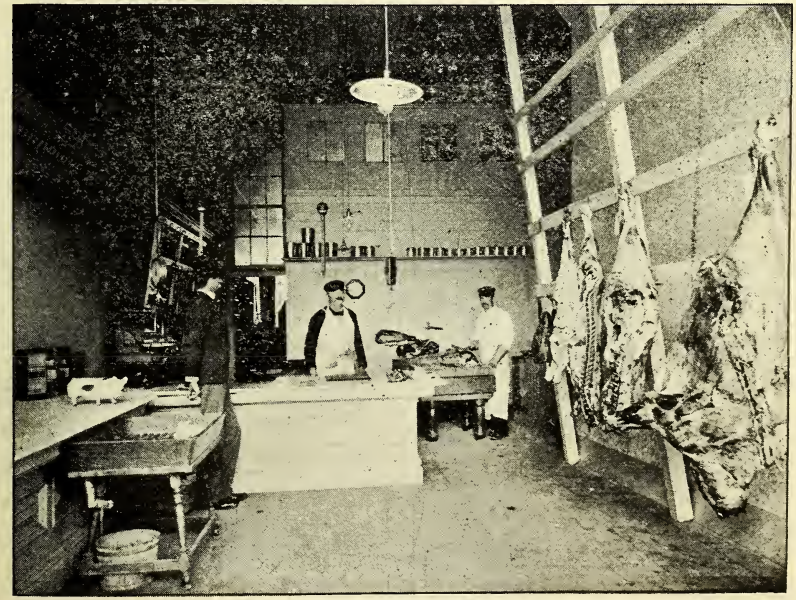

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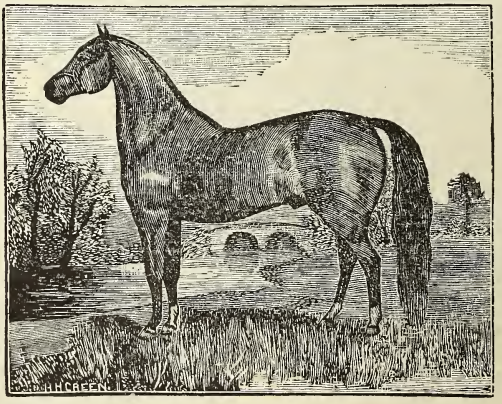

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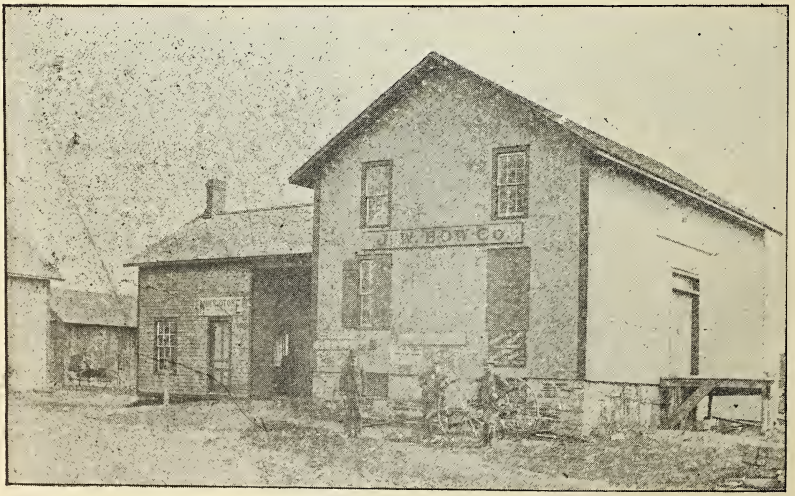

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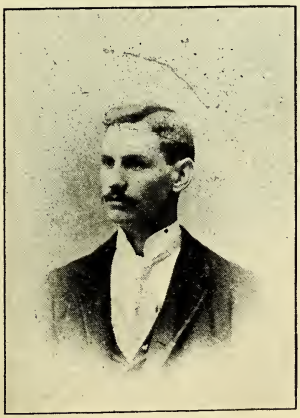

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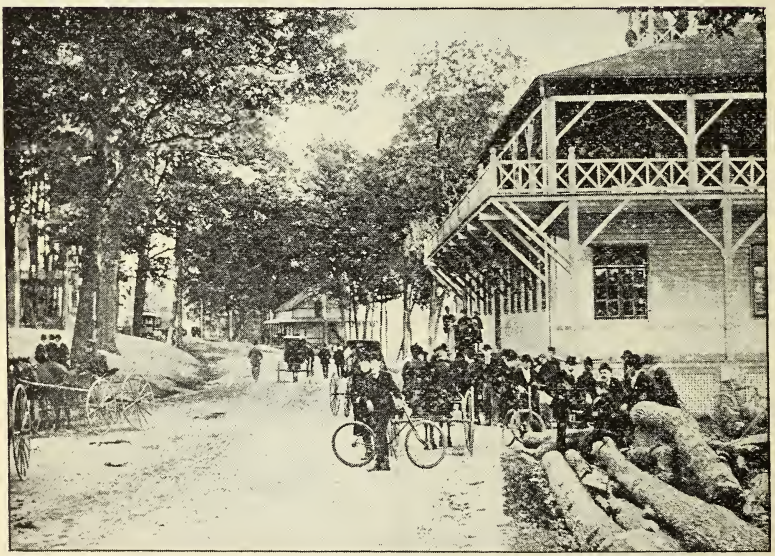

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